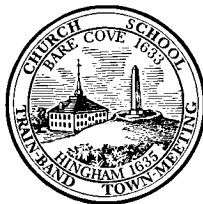


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Town of Hingham
2012

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Town Accountant/Finance Director	178
Assessors	185
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Patti Coyle



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Population	22,973
Registered Voters	16,995
Dem. 4,135; Rep. 3,099; Unenrolled, 9,704; Other, 57	
Area	22.59 Square Miles
Shore Line	21 Miles
Number of Houses, including Condos	7,223
Assessed Value	
Real Property	\$5,708,166,300
Personal Property	\$99,710,870
Tax Rate	\$12.32
Schools	6
Public School Children, PreK-12 (2/11)	4,274
Professional Staff	380
Support Staff	253
Total FY2013 Town Budget (includes Capital)	\$86,784,414
Total FY2013 School Budget (includes Capital)	\$40,996,765

State Senator
Norfolk-Plymouth
Robert Hedlund
State House,
Room 313C
Boston, MA 02133
617-722-1646

State Rep.
Third Plymouth Dist.
Precincts 1,3,4,5,5A,6
Garrett Bradley
State House, Rm. 478
Boston, MA 02133
617-722-2520

State Rep.
Fourth Norfolk Dist.
Precinct 2
James Murphy
State House, Rm. 443
Boston, MA 02133
617-722-2460



Bruce Rabuffo, Laura Burns, Irma Lauter

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

As the nation recovers from the great recession, we are glad to note that Massachusetts is making faster progress than many states. While challenges remain, and state revenues continue to fluctuate, there is evidence that in Hingham we have fared better than many.

The Board of Selectmen's long-term goal of emphasizing fiscal stability during the economic crisis has borne fruit. With the aid of the Advisory Committee, the board has established sound policies that have allowed the town to maintain an adequate though somewhat reduced menu of services, while meeting the challenges of an ever-growing school population.

The town's prudent financial management received a resounding endorsement at the time of the first borrowing for the middle school construction when the Fitch bond-rating agency reaffirmed Hingham's AAa rating, resulting in a historically low interest rate. This pleasant outcome lowered the cost of the new middle school project by several million dollars overall. Construction is now underway and the new

middle school promises to be a true twenty-first century facility of which the town will be justly proud.

The selectmen's top goals this year were: 1) to carry on the community discussion relative to the purchase of the Aquarion Water Company assets, 2) to produce a proposal for property tax relief for consideration at the 2013 town meeting, 3) to continue to pursue infrastructure improvements in the South Hingham industrial zone which would encourage business development in order to relieve the burden on the residential tax base, 4) to make steps to improve the town's facilities management functions, and 5) to engage in a study of the capacity of and demands on town's athletic fields.

On the first goal, the Water Acquisition Study Committee authorized by Town Meeting in 2012, consisting of four former Advisory Committee chairs and the chairman of the Sewer Commission, has worked diligently to assemble the data needed to make a judgment on the wisdom of acquiring the company. While the committee has yet to make a recommendation as of this writing, the board has been following the work closely, and we are confident that the decision will come as the result of an exhaustive study which leaves no stone unturned, and no factor unconsidered.

As to tax relief, the board has pursued this goal because it is all too clear that the increases in property taxes caused by recent building projects, on top of economic hard times, have made it difficult for many in our community to meet their obligations. The board will present to Town Meeting a proposal to use the revenues produced by the meals tax to offset the increase in property taxes due in Fiscal Year 2015.

The meals tax, which was adopted by Town Meeting in 2011, is an attractive option for reducing the impact of property tax increases. The meals tax is paid only by diners in restaurants, making it a tax of choice, and in addition, many diners in Hingham restaurants come from other areas, due to Hingham's increasing reputation as a restaurant destination. When proposing the new tax in 2011, the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee pledged that it would not be used to defray normal operating costs, but for special purposes. This will be our first opportunity to do so.

The improvement of sewer and water infrastructure in the industrial-zoned area of South Hingham is proving to be a complicated and slow-moving process. The facilities and fields management improvements are

just getting underway. These three goals are likely to continue into 2013 as priorities of the board.

In 2012, a committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen began work studying the best location for a memorial for Herbert Foss, the only Hingham citizen ever to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

As always, none of these projects could be accomplished without the dedicated and talented staff of the Town of Hingham, to whom we owe our thanks. In particular, the board wishes to acknowledge and thank Town Administrator Ted Alexiades, Assistant Town Administrator Betty Foley, and the staff of the Selectmen's office, Betty Tower and Kristin Currier, for their outstanding work in the past year.

We would also like to thank the four hundred or so volunteers, citizens of the town who give of their time and talents to work on projects and committees, and without whom only a fraction of what we would like to do could be accomplished.

Laura Burns
L. Bruce Rabuffo
Irma Lauter

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

I am pleased to submit my report to the citizens of the Town of Hingham as the Town Administrator.

The past year we have seen the results of having implemented both financial and operational initiatives over the past several years. These results include balanced budgets throughout the entire five year look ahead of our financial forecast, a reaffirmation of the Town's AAA bond rating by the bond rating firm Fitch Rating Services, and the unprecedented issuance of bond anticipation notes at a rate of 0.2% per annum. In addition the historically low rate, the bond issue was oversubscribed by 7-1, which means that there were 7 buyers for each dollar of bonds sold.

With the cooperation and contributions of boards, committees, and staff throughout the Town we have seen these fiscal initiatives come to fruition and provide the benefits that we had hoped for when they were

first undertaken. It is our hope that the Town will continue to realize the benefits of these labors for many years to come.

During 2012 the town continued studying the feasibility of purchasing the Town water system from Aquarion Water Company, while at the same time endeavored to enhance current service and mitigating the high cost of water. The Town was successful in gaining a commitment from Aquarion Water to improve communication and service, and we have seen progress in these areas. In October of 2012 Aquarion petitioned the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to reduce water rates by approximately 7.9% due to a refinancing of their water treatment plant debt. The petition is currently under review by the (DPU).

After studying several methods to provide property tax relief, the Board of Selectmen adopted a property tax relief proposal that includes both broad based and targeted property tax relief. Both proposals would use receipts from Meals Taxes collected. Targeted property tax relief would involve increasing the "tax work-off" program by 50%, or from 40 annual recipients to 60, while the broad base relief proposal would see an across the board reduction of 1.0% of all property taxes. Each proposal is being presented to the Town Meeting in April of 2013.

2011 saw the retirement of Conservation Agent, Clifford Prentiss. In all, 17 people retired this year and we wish them well for many years to come.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for its support, the department heads and administrators, as well as the town employees and volunteers, particularly Betty Foley, Betty Tower, Kristin Carrier and David Basler in the Selectmen's office, for their helpfulness and cooperation during the past year. Success is a cooperative effort, and I look forward to a productive year serving the Hingham community in 2013.

Ted C. Alexiades
Town Administrator

2012 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

	<u>Term Expires</u>
MODERATOR (1 Year Term)	
Michael J. Puzo	2013
BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Term)	
Irma H. Lauter	2015
Lawrence Bruce Rabuffo	2014
Laura M. Burns	2013
TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)	
Eileen A. McCracken	2015
TREASURER/COLLECTOR (3 Year Term)	
Jean Montgomery	2013
BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)	
Michael P. Shaughnessy	2015
Stuart Gregory Hall, Chairman	2014
Mark F. Tyburski	2013
BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Year Term)	
Peter B. Bickford	2015
Stephan J. White	2014
Kirk J. Shilts	2013
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD (3 Year Term)	
John A. Stoddard, Jr.	2015
John Ryan	2014
Walter A. Foscett	2013
HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 Year Term)	
Kevin C. Connelly	2017
James O'Brien (Appointed by State)	2016
Stephanie A. McHugh	2015
Robert D. Keyes	2014
James R. Watson	2013

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)

Dennis C. Friedman	2015
Paul J. Gannon	2015
Carol M. Falvey	2014
Edward J. Schreier	2014
Caryl Falvey	2013
Raymond C. Estes	2013
Andrew A. Shafter	2013

PLANNING BOARD (5 Year Term)

Judith S. Sneath	2017
Gary S. Tondorf-Dick	2016
William C. Ramsey	2015
Paul K. Healey, Chairperson	2014
Sarah H. Corey	2013

SEWER COMMISSION (3 Year Term)

Michael A. Salerno	2015
Edward F. Monahan	2014
Edmund Demko	2013

RECREATION COMMISSION (5 Year Term)

Budd K. Thorne, Jr.	2017
Paul G. Paget	2016
Thomas E. Belyea	2015
Robert D. Keyes	2014
Francis G. Jones	2013

**COMMITTEE TO HAVE CHARGE OF THE INCOME OF
THE HANNAH LINCOLN WHITING FUND (3 Year Term)**

Tereza Prime	2014
Becky Weston	2013
Louis Belknap	2015

**TRUSTEES OF THE BATHING BEACH
(Elected at ATM, CH75, Acts of 1934)**

Thomas Foley
Edward Johnson
Joan P. Williams

2012 APPOINTEES

	<u>Term Expires</u>
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
(Appt. By Selectmen MGL C41 S55)	
Susan Nickerson	
ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
(Appt. by Moderator ART 13, 1924)	
Michael Barclay	2015
Daniel J. Dwyer	2015
Lucy Hancock	2015
Gregory M. MacCune	2015
Craig D. MacKay	2015
Linda K. Kutsch	2014
Elizabeth Eldredge	2014
Laura Marwill	2014
James A. Sharkansky	2014
James W. Taylor	2014
Richard J. Innis	2013
Karen A. Johnson	2013
Mary M. Power	2013
Thomas J. Pyles	2013
William Wise	2013
AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST	
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 21 ATM 2007) 2 Year Term	
Kevin C. Connelly	2015
Susan Crowley	2015
Patrick Gaughen - appt'd 2/13	2015
Laura Burns	2014
Nancy Kerber	2014
Rev. Gary Ludwig	2014
Peter Vanderweil	2014
Daniel Jacobson	2013
Timothy White	2013
James O'Brien (res. 1/13)	
APPEALS, ZONING BOARD OF	
(Appt. By Selectmen)	
W. Tod McGrath	2015
Joseph Freeman	2014
Joseph M. Fisher	2013

Associate Members (one year term)

David Anderson
Alan Kearney
Robyn S. Maguire
Mario Romania, Jr.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE
(ART 26, ATM 2010)**

Edwin J. Gillis (Moderator Appt.)	2015
Jason Ryan (Selectmen Appt.)	2015
George L. Alexakos (Moderator Appt.)	2014
Josh Gregory (Selectmen Appt.)	2013
Melissa A. Tully (Moderator Appt.)	2013
Theodore C. Alexiades, Town Administrator, ex-officio	
Susan Nickerson, Town Accountant, ex-officio	

**BARE COVE PARK COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Thomas A. Burbank	2015
Edward J. Matthews	2015
Brian O'Leary	2014
Joseph Roper	2014
Robert Smalldone	2014
Peter Cotter	2013
Patricia A. Coyle	2013
Charles Harvey	2013
Eric LeClair	2013

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
(Appt. By Selectmen, 6/15/04)**

Maura Graham	2015
Dorothy Manganaro	2014
Margaret Taylor	2014
Jerry Elsdon	2014
Patricia Bray	2013
Rosemarie Durkin	2013
Alyce Nobis	2013
Laura Spaziani	2013

**BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK
ADVISORY COUNCIL
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

William Reardon

BUILDING DEPARTMENT**Appt. by Town Administrator under MA State Bldg. Code
780 CMR 5105.1 (for ensuing year)**

Michael Clancy, Inspector of Buildings
Robert Egan, Deputy Inspector of Buildings
Richard Wakem, Local Inspector
William Nickerson, Inspector of Wires
Donald Drew, Assistant Inspector of Wires
Brian McPherson, Plumbing & Gas Inspector
Jay Yetman, Ass't. Plumbing & Gas Inspector

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Sandra S. Peavey	2015
Phillip S. Thaxter	2015
John Rice	2014
Eric Connerly	2013
Katy Gallagher-Wooley, (School Rep.)	

CABLE TELEVISION PUBLIC ACCESS CORP., DIRECTORS OF

James Dellot
Hal Goldstein
Robert Kirk
Noreen Moross
Margaret Sullivan

CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 32 ATM 1956, By-Law 14)**

Brendan Kiernan	2015
Elizabeth M. Claypoole	2014
Ray P. Eisenbies	2013

Appt. By Advisory Committee Chairman

Craig MacKay
Thomas Pyles

Ex-Officio

Town Accountant (Non-voting member)

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**(ART26 ATM 2001)**

Frank Jones (Selectmen At-Large Appt.)	2015
Matthew Zieper	2015
Kathleen Peters (Selectmen Appt.)	2014
L. Bruce Rabuffo (Selectmen Rep.)	2014
Sally C. Weston (Moderator Appt.)	2014

Daniel Coughlin (Conservation Comm. Appt.)	2013
Robert Curley (Historical Comm. Appt.)	2013
Gary Tondorf-Dick (Planning Board Appt.)	2013
James Watson (Housing Authority Appt.)	2013

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
(MGL, C40 S8C, ART 1 STM 1959)**

Scott T. McIsaac	2015
Alan E. McKenna	2015
Charles Berry	2014
Daniel Coughlin	2014
Nina T. Villanova	2014
Carolyn Nielsen	2013
Robert Perry	2013

**CONSTABLE
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 64 ATM 1991)**

Kathleen Peloquin	2014
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**CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD
(MGL, C32 S20 4B)**

Henry F. G. Wey, III (Retirement Board Appt.)	2015
Eileen A. McCracken (Elected by Employees)	2014
Ted Alexiades (Appointed by Selectmen)	2013
Jean M. Montgomery (Elected by Employees)	2013

Ex-officio

Susan Nickerson (Town Accountant)	
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**COUNCIL ON AGING
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 13, 17 ATM 1970)**

Edward Ford	2015
Arthur LeMay (Res. 2/13)	2015
Beth Rouleau	2015
Gretchen Condon	2014
Joan Iovino	2014
Norma Jackson	2014
Richard Ponte	2014
June M. Freedman	2013
Leah Godfrey	2013
Chrisanne Gregoire	2013
Vacant	

**COUNTRY CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen, ATM 1993 By-Law 37)**

Paul J. Casey	2015
Terence Clarke	2015
William Friend	2014
Kerry Ryan	2014
Kathleen Curley	2013

**CULTURAL COUNCIL
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C10 S35C)**

Deanna Maria Costa	2015
Carol B. Moss	2015
Susan Luery	2014
Marlie L. McManus	2014
Isabel Asher	2013
Trish Baggott	2013
Jill Powell	2013

**CUSHING/MAIN STREET/SOUTH PLEASANT, COMMITTEE TO
REVIEW INTERSECTION OF
(Appt. By Selectmen, 4/12/12)**

James Costello (Traffic/Safety Comm.)
Paul Healey (Traffic/Safety Comm.)
Richard Cook
John Dana Merk
James L. Pettee

**DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
(Appt. By Selectmen, 7 members, 5 Year Term)**

Mary Ann Blackmur	2017
Eileen Richards	2016
Nanette G. Walsh	2016
Kevin Ellis	2015
Robert E. Daly	2015
Mark Cullings	2013
Susan L. Sullivan	2013

**DISABILITY ISSUES, COMMISSION ON
(MGL C40, S8J, ATM 1989, ART. 50)**

Barbara Partridge
John Pollick
Susan Sommer
Michael Clancy, Bldg. Inspector

EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP FUND

(Appt. by Selectmen 11/15/05 MGL C60 S3C)

Dorothy Galo

Jennifer Henriksen

Elizabeth Flynn

Judith Rielly

Patricia Tomecek

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DIRECTOR OF

Mark L. Duff

ENERGY ACTION COMMITTEE

(ART 41 ATM 2008)

John Bewick, Moderator Appt.

Otto Harling, Moderator Appt.

Paul Heanue, Light Plant Mgr.

Virginia LeClair, Selectmen Appt.

Brad Moyer, Selectmen Appt.

Ex-officio

Town Accountant

School Business Manager

FIRE CHIEF

Mark L. Duff

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL 130 S93,94,95,96)

See Conservation Commission

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen Annually)

Jim Murphy, Chair

Mary Ann Blackmur

Jason Caine

Mary Ellen Carlisle

Margaret Costello

Jim Drew, III

George Ford (Uncle Sam)

Caty Fortuin

Ginny Gray

Susan Hagstrom

Monica Martin

Cassie McDermott

Carrie Murphy

Louis O'Dea

Glenn Olsson

Cindy Tonucci

Paula Vangel

GAR HALL TRUSTEES**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 40 ATM 1944)**

Keith Jermyn	2015
Robert Beal, Jr.	2014
Scott McMillan	2013

2010 GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE**(2010 ATM, Art. 23. App't by Moderator)**

Judith Cole, Chairman
Philip Edmundson
Edna English
Scott Ford
Alexander Macmillan
Eva Marx
Linda B. Port

HARBOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 30 ATM 1971)**

Edward Morris	2015
Paul Losordo	2015
Robert Mosher	2014
Alan Perrault	2014
David Fenton	2013
Eric Kachel	2013
John Thomas	2013

HARBORMASTER-CUSTODIAN OF THE ISLANDS

Kenneth R. Corson, III
Mark F. Brennan, Deputy Harbormaster

Assistant Harbormasters (Annual Appt.)

Joseph P. Driscoll
Michael McCue
Michael Murray
Neal Nelson
Michael Riley
Gillian Mansfield
Danny Sousa

HAZARDOUS WASTE-MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Bruce T. Capman, Executive Health Officer
David Damstra, Deputy Coordinator

HERBERT FOSS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

James E. Claypoole
Peter T. Finney
Arthur T. Smith, Jr.
William C. Ramsey
Alan D. Perrault

HISTORIAN, TOWN**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 2 ATM 1943)**

Alexander Macmillan

HISTORIC ARCHIVES TASK FORCE**(Appt. By Selectmen, 8/30/2011)**

Ann Dalton (Library Director or Designee)
Dorothy Galo (School Supt. Or Designee)
Eileen A. McCracken (Town Clerk or Designee)
William Salisbury (Historical Society Member)
Stephen Swett (Historical Commission Member)

HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 37 1966 ATM, ART 34 ATM 1967)**

Charles N. Clutz	2015
Susan Berry	2014
Lois Levine	2014
George Ford	2013
Nancy MacKay	2013

Alternate Members

Michael Collard	2015
Anne Fanton	2015
Jared Grimm	2014
John D'Angelo	2013
Martha Saunders	2013

HISTORICAL COMMISSION**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C40 S8D, ART 21 1974)**

Arthur K. Choo, Jr.	2015
Thomas Willson	2015
Huck Handy	2014
Elizabeth Rockoff	2014
Stephen Swett	2014
Robert A. Curley, Jr.	2013
Michael Dyer	2013

LIBRARY, HINGHAM PUBLIC, TRUSTEE OF

Charles B. Abbott, Esq.

Edward D. Boylan

Thomas J. Carey, Jr.

Edna English

Arthur Garrity

Harold Goldstein

JoAnn Mitchell

David Mehegan

Nelson G. Ross, Esq.

Edward Siegfried

Appt. By Selectmen

Michael A. Spatola 2015

Susan Rabuffo 2014

Bonnie B. Hobbs 2013

Appt. By Moderator

Ian Brown 2015

Tina V. Sherwood 2013

Ex-officio

Rep. of Board of Selectmen

Treasurer/Collector

Superintendent of Schools

**LINCOLN APARTMENTS, LLC BOARD OF MANAGERS
(ART 1 STM 2008)**

Thomas P. Shanley (Selectmen Appt.) 2015

Rev. Gary Ludwig (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.) 2014

George Schwartz (Selectmen Appt.) 2014

Richard Mason (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.) 2013

John W. McHugh (Moderator Appt.) 2013

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Robert Olsson, Deputy Chief, Fire Department, Chairman

Michael Peraino, Police Chief

Glenn Olsson, Deputy Chief, Police Dept.

Mark L. Duff, Fire Chief

David Damstra, Fire Department Hazmat

William Gray, Fire Department, EMS

Laura M. Burns, Selectman

L. Bruce Rabuffo, Selectman

Irma Lauter, Selectman

Theodore C. Alexiades, Town Administrator

Bruce Capman, Executive Health Officer

Kenneth R. Corson, III, Harbormaster
 Barbara Farnsworth, Elder Services
 Paul Field, School Department
 Michael Clancy, Building Inspector
 Paul Heanue, Manager, HMLP
 Abby Piersall, Conservation Officer
 Roger Fernandes, Town Engineer
 Harry Sylvester, Ass't. Projects Engineer
 Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of Public Works

LONG RANGE WASTE DISPOSAL/RECYCLING COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Moderator, ART 25 ATM 1974)

Cheryl A. Bierwirth	2015
Brenda P. Black	2015
Elizabeth A. Dewire	2015
Peter Stathopoulos	2015
David P. White	2015
Lisa A. Perdue	2013
Kimberly Jursic	2013
Janice B. McPhillips	2013

Ex-officio

Superintendent Public Works

MBTA ADVISORY BOARD

Marco Boer, Hingham Representative

MASS BAYS PROGRAM LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMM.

Peter S. Rosen, Hingham Representative
 Faith L. Burbank, Alternate Representative

MASS WATER RESOURCES AUTH. ADVISORY BOARD

Edmund Demko, Hingham Representative
 Michael Salerno, Alternate Representative

MASSPORT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen, 11/30/2000)

Declan Boland, Hingham Representative

MAYFLOWER MUNICIPAL HEALTH GROUP

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Theodore C. Alexiades, Representative
 Betty Foley, Alternate Representative

MEMORIAL BELL TOWER COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen Annually, ART 13 ATM 1975)

Kenneth Dresser
Joan Getto
Martha Ryan
Ann Shilhan
Michael Shilhan
Dorcas V. Wagner

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, 3 Year Term)

Marco Boer 2015
Edna S. English, Alternate

MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Eileen A. McCracken

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, ART 15 ATM 1997)
(ART 60 ATM 2012)

Michael Pollard (Conservation Appt.) 2014
James Morris 2013
Peter Rosen 2013

PARKING CLERK

(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 13 STM 11/16/81)

Eileen A. McCracken

PERMANENT BUILDING & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
STUDY COMMITTEE (Appt. By Selectmen, 10/12/2010)

Roger Fernandes
Donald J. MacKinnon
John Manley
Jerry Seelen
Benedict Wilcox

PERSONNEL BOARD
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 4 ATM 1970)

Marie S. Harris 2015
David Pace 2015
Russell F. Conn 2014
John F. Manning 2014
Nelson G. Ross 2013

PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD REP.

Laura M. Burns

POLICE CHIEF

Michael Peraino

**PUBLIC WORKS, SUPERINTENDENT OF
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C41 S66)**

Randy Sylvester

**REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL PLANNING COMM.
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 62 ATM 1991)**

S. Edward Eaton

Helga J. Jorgensen

Peter G. Stathopoulos

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

(Appt. by Selectmen, MGL C51 S15, 18)

Virginia Gray 2015

Dawn Sibor 2014

Betty Tower 2013

Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk

SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 26 ATM 1975)

Clay Graham 2015

Jean Montgomery, Treasurer 2015

Andrew Shafter 2015

Thomas Hagstrom 2013

Roger Nastou 2013

Kurt Weisenbeck 2013

Matthew Welch 2013

**SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE, 2006
(ART 17, ATM 2006)**

Robert S. Bucey (Moderator Appt.)

Timothy R. Collins (Moderator Appt.)

Samantha Anderson (School Comm. Appt.)

Peter Bradley (School Comm. Appt.)

Raymond Estes (School Comm. Appt.)

Sandra Cleary (Selectmen Appt.)

Stefan Vogelmann (Selectmen Appt.)

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Jay Ippolito
Barbara Kardok
Carol Pyles
Shirley Rydell

SOUTH SHORE COALITION**(Appt. By Selectmen, 3 Year Term)**

L. Bruce Rabuffo

2013

SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Stephen Messinger
Randy Sylvester

SOUTH WEYMOUTH NAVAL AIR STATION

Joseph Fisher, Member CAC
Stephen Kelsch, Member CAC
Mary Byram, Member CAC
William Koplovsky, Rep. to the Advisory Board of the South Shore
Tri-Town Development Corp.

SPECIAL EDUCATION WORKING GROUP**(Appt. by Selectmen, 8/23/2012)**

Laura Burns
David Ellison
Elizabeth Flynn
Dennis Friedman
Dorothy Galo
Melissa Goldman
Linda Port, Chair
Marisa Ronan
Linda Kutsch, Advisory Comm. Liaison
Paul Gannon, ex-officio

TAXATION AID FUND COMMITTEE**(Appt. by Selectmen, 11/15/05 MGL C60 S3D)**

Ingrid Eikinas
Carolyn Kelliher
John J. Pollick
Greg Hall, Assessors
Jean Montgomery, Treasurer

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE DIRECTOR

Theodore C. Alexiades

2012 TOWN HALL STUDY COMMITTEE**Ad hoc (Appt. By Selectmen, 12/20/12)**

Thomas Carey

Ronnie Kirvin

Jerry K. Seelen

TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Police Chief (or Rep.)

Fire Chief (or Rep.)

Planning Board Chairman (or Rep.)

Dept. of Public Works Superintendent (or Rep.)

James Costello

2015

Dan Zivkovich

2014

Scott Peterson

2013

TREE WARDEN

Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of Public Works

UNDERGROUND UTILITIES TASK FORCE**(Appt. By Selectmen, 9/18/2007)**

L. Paul Heanue

Sandra Peavey

Bruce Rabuffo

John A. Riley

Susan Sullivan

Benedict Wilcox

VETERANS COUNCIL**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Jonathan Asher

2015

James Claypoole

2015

Stephen Kelsch

2015

Ernest Sofis (res. 2/13)

2015

Jeff Weggeman

2015

Robert Beal, Jr.

2014

Stephen Bray

2014

Maureen DeMenna

2014

Andrew McCawley

2013

William Ramsey

2013

Arthur Smith

2013

David Sargent
Keith Jermyn
John W. McHugh
Scott McMillan
Kenneth Walsh

2013

**WATER CO. ACQUISITION STUDY COMMITTEE
(Appt. by Selectmen, 3/29/12)**

Jonathan Asher
Joseph L. Bierwirth, Jr.
Joshua Krumholz
Michael A. Salerno
Edward R. Siegfried

**WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 11 ATM 1946)**

James Connelly
Maureen F. Doran
Samuel S. Mullin
Kirk J. Shilts

**WEIGHTS & MEASURES INSPECTOR
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C98 S34)**

Robert Egan

WEIR RIVER ESTUARY PARK COMMITTEE
Faith Burbank

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 23, 2012

Registered Voters: 16,153

Attendance : 653

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Monday, April 23, 2012. Thomas L. P. O'Donnell, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m, a quorum being present. James Conroy and Jerry Seelen were appointed to preside as Assistant Moderators. The invocation was given by Rev. James Rafferty of St. Paul's Church. Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

ARTICLES INDEX

1. Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund
2. Assume Liability for DCR on Rivers, Harbors, etc.
3. Reports from various Town Committees
4. Report of the Personnel Board
5. Salaries of Town Officers
6. Budgets
7. Disbursement of Electric Light Department Receipts
8. Acceptance of Easements
9. Building Department Revolving Fund
10. Department of Elder Services Revolving Fund
11. Transfer Funds to the Reserve Fund
12. Transfer from the Stabilization Fund
13. Transfer to the Meals Tax Stabilization Fund
14. Real Estate Tax Deferral
15. Real Estate Tax Exemption Increase in Asset Limit for Seniors
16. Real Estate Tax Exemption Increase in Income Limit for Seniors
17. Accept Clause 56 re: Tax Exemption for Deployed Military
18. Accept M.G.L. 60A, §1 re: Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption
19. Water Company Acquisition Feasibility Study
20. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Tree & Park Building Exterior
21. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Preservation Projects Fund
22. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Administration Fund
23. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Whitney Wharf Pedestrian Bridge

24. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Veterans Markers
25. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Hingham Centre Cemetery Fence Continuation
26. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Cordage Factory
27. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Implement Historical Collection Master Plan
28. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Scotland Meadow
29. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Accord Brook Land
30. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Electronic Message Signs
31. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Off-site Advertising in Industrial Park District
32. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Provisions re: Non-conforming Uses
33. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Provisions re: Agricultural Uses
34. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Flood Plain Map
35. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Rezone Seven Parcels from Residence C to Office Park
36. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Add Parcels to South Hingham Overlay District
37. Expansion of Industrial/Office Park Sewer District
38. Ship Street and Cottage Street Sewer
39. Treasurer/Collector from Elected to Appointed
40. Town Meeting Quorum
41. Establish an OPEB Liability Trust Fund
42. Amend Requirements for Audit Committee RFP responsibility
43. Amend General By-Laws re: Second-hand or Precious Metals
44. Demolition Delay By-Law
45. Receipts Reserved for Appropriation: Ambulance
46. Receipts Reserved for Appropriation: Middle School
47. Swap of General Purpose Park Land
48. Lease of Municipal Land
49. Traffic Lights at Cushing, Main & South Pleasant Intersection
50. Creation of 43D District
51. Advisory Committee Dissenting Opinions
52. Motion for the Previous Question Vote
53. Motion for the Previous Question Procedure
54. Placement of Articles in the Town Warrant
55. Town Meeting and Notice Thereof
56. Quorum at Town Meeting
57. Town of Hingham Municipal Building Authority
58. Recall Elections
59. Affordable Housing Trust Allocation Plan
60. Open Space Acquisition Committee Membership
61. Light Plant Easements
62. Barnes Wharf Lease

Article 1

VOTED: That Louis Belknap, 437 Main Street, be elected a member of the Committee to have charge of the income of the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund for a term of three years; and 2. that Edward Johnson, 108 Ward Street, be elected a Trustee of the Bathing Beach in accordance with Chapter 75 of the Massachusetts Acts of 1934.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 2

VOTED: That the Town, in accordance with, and to the extent only permitted by, General Laws, Chapter 91, Section 29, as amended, assume liability for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, foreshores and shores along a public beach within the Town, in accordance with Section 11 of said Chapter 91, and that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity to the Commonwealth assuming such liability.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 3

VOTED: That the reports, if any, of the Affordable Housing Trust; Audit Committee; Capital Outlay Committee; Commission on Disability Issues; Community Preservation Committee; 2010 Committee to Review the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Town Government; Conservation Commission; Country Club Management Committee; Council on Aging; Energy Action Committee; GAR Hall Trustees; Harbor Development Committee; Hingham Historic Districts Commission; the Historian; Historical Commission; Board of Managers of Lincoln Apartments LLC; Long-Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee; Memorial Bell Tower Committee; Open Space Acquisition Committee; Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee; Scholarship Fund Committee; 2006 School Building Committee; Wastewater Master Planning Committee; and Water Supply Committee be received; and that all of said Committees, Commissions, the Council and the Historian be continued,

except that the Public Works Building Committee be discharged with thanks.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 4

VOTED: That the report of the Personnel Board, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, be accepted; that the amendments of the Personnel By-Law, including the Classification and Salary Plan, and any agreements reached by the Personnel Board in collective bargaining, which may be embodied or referred to in said report, be approved and adopted in their entirety, such approval and adoption to become effective July 1, 2012 or as otherwise specified in said report or agreements; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$325,000 for the purpose of this vote; and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized and instructed to allocate said sum to and among the several Personal Services and Expense Accounts in such amounts, respectively, as are proper and required to meet such amendments and to comply with such collective bargaining agreements as may be entered into by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 5

VOTED: That, subject to the proviso below, and so long as these are elected positions, the salary from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 for each of the following officers shall be at the rates below stated or provided after the name of the office.

Town Clerk¹ and Treasurer/Collector in accordance with the compensation rates established in Grade 15 and Grade 17, respectively, of the Town of Hingham Classification and Salary Plan of the Personnel By-Law.

Selectmen: at the request of the Board of Selectmen, at the annual rate of \$1,750 each, except that the Chair shall receive an annual rate of \$2,250 for the period of incumbency.

Assessors: at the annual rate of \$1,800 each, except that the Chair for the period of incumbency shall receive an annual rate of \$2,000. Municipal Light Board: at the annual rate of \$214 each (to be paid from the receipts of the Electric Light Department). Provided: that the salary of each such officer except Selectman, Assessor and Municipal Light Board Member shall be reduced by all retirement allowances and pensions received by such officer from the Town of Hingham.

[†] Town Clerk, when serving as a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters, shall be paid for such duties in accordance with Section 19G of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 6

VOTED: That there be raised and appropriated for each of the following purposes, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, the sum of money stated therefor, provided that where a transfer appropriation is stated, the amount so indicated shall be transferred or specifically appropriated as stated; also that the authority is hereby given to turn in vehicles and equipment in part payment for vehicles and equipment purchased in those cases where a turn-in is stated; and provided that any amount or a portion thereof appropriated to a sub-account under and included in a numbered account as set forth below may be transferred to another sub-account under the same numbered account with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 7

VOTED: That, with the exception of \$500,000, which is hereby transferred to the General Fund to reduce the tax rate, all funds received by the Municipal Lighting Plant during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012, be appropriated to said Municipal Lighting Plant, the same to be expended by the Manager of Municipal Lighting under the control and direction of the Municipal Light Board for the expenses of the Plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Sections 57 and 57A of Chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws and, if there should be any unexpended balance thereof at the end of said fiscal year, such amount as is deemed necessary shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may be authorized by the Municipal Light Board during the next fiscal year.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 8

VOTED: That the Town authorize, but not require, for a period through April 30, 2013, the Board of Selectmen to accept grants of

easements for purposes of streets, sidewalks, pedestrian walkways, or water, drainage, sewage, or utility facilities on terms and conditions that the Board deems in the best interests of the Town.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 9

VOTED: That, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, which allows the Town to establish departmental revolving funds, the Town authorizes the continuation of such a fund in the Building Department. Departmental receipts for building inspections performed by the Assistant Building Inspectors shall be credited to the fund. Moneys shall be spent primarily to compensate such inspectors for their services. The Building Commissioner, or functional equivalent, shall be authorized to spend moneys from the fund. The amount that may be spent from the fund shall be limited to \$250,000 during Fiscal Year 2013.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 10

VOTED: That, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, which allows the Town to establish departmental revolving funds, the Town authorizes the continuation of such a fund for the Department of Elder Services. Departmental receipts for all fees and charges received from Senior Center programs shall be credited to the fund. Moneys shall be spent for Senior Center programs and related expenses. The Director of Elder Services, or functional equivalent, shall be authorized to spend moneys from the fund. The amount that may be spent from the fund shall be limited to \$60,000 during Fiscal Year 2013.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 11

VOTED: That no action be taken on this article regarding Transfer Funds to the Reserve Fund.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 12

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$176,629 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2013 tax rate.

2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 13

VOTED: That the amount of \$581,156.48 be transferred from available funds into the Meals Tax Stabilization Fund.

2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 14

VOTED: That the Town increase the gross receipts that seniors may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 41A from \$40,000 to 100% of the amount established annually by the Commissioner of Revenue as the income limit for single seniors who are not heads of households to qualify for the "circuit breaker" state income tax credit for the preceding state tax year, with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2012.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 15

VOTED: That the Town accept M.G.L. c.59, §5, Clause 17E, which authorizes an annual increase in the asset (whole estate) limit for exemptions granted to senior citizens, surviving spouses and surviving minors under M.G.L. c. 59, §5, Clause 17D, by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2012.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 16

VOTED: That the Town accept M.G.L. c.59, §5, Clause 41D, which authorizes an annual increase in the income (gross receipts) and asset (whole estate) limits for exemptions granted to senior citizens, surviving spouses and surviving minors under M.G.L. c.59, §5, Clause 41C, by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2012.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 17

VOTED: That the Town accept Clause 56 of M.G.L. c.59, §5 which would allow members of the Massachusetts National Guard or military reservists who are on active duty to obtain a reduction of all or part of the real and personal property taxes for any fiscal year they are serving in a foreign country.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 18

VOTED: That the Town accept M.G.L. c.60A, §1 allowing motor vehicle tax exemption for former prisoners of war and their surviving spouses.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 19

VOTED: That the Town appropriate \$320,000 from available funds to be used by the Board of Selectmen for professional fees and costs, including, but not limited to, engineering services, financial services, valuation services and legal services, to investigate the feasibility of the acquisition of the corporate property, and all rights and privileges, including the assets of the Town's water company, now known as Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts and/or affiliated and related companies, pursuant to St. 1879, c. 139, or through any other method of acquisition, including any negotiation or litigation the Board of Selectmen may determine to be necessary or advisable in order

to determine whether the acquisition is feasible and advisable for further Town Meeting consideration.

A Majority Vote

Article 20

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Board of Selectmen to preserve the exterior of the former Tree and Park Barn located at 8 Short Street, Map 81, Lot 140.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 21

VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$65,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to the Historical Commission Preservation Projects Fund; that the Historical Commission spend no more than \$20,000 of said sum on any one project; and that the Historical Commission submit an annual report to the Community Preservation Committee detailing the historic preservation projects undertaken and the amount of money spent on each.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 22

VOTED: That the Town appropriate \$25,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve for addition to the Community Preservation Committee's Administrative Fund.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 23

VOTED: That the Town appropriate \$275,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used for recreational purposes by the Harbor Development Committee to fund a project for the surveying, engineering, design, permitting and construction of a pedestrian bridge over the water at the outfall of the Town Brook and connection of the Town Pier area, across an easement to be granted by the owner of 3A Otis Street, to the park at Whitney Wharf (Map 50, Lots

50 and 49 and Map 51, Lot 1) which easement the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to accept.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 24

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Liberty Plain Cemetery Corporation to assess the condition, restore and conserve Veterans' Markers and Monuments within the Liberty Plain Cemetery, 990 Main Street, located on Map 180, Lot 20.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 25

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$47,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Hingham Centre Cemetery Corporation to continue the perimeter fence along the boundary between the cemetery and the former Tree and Park Barn.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 26

VOTED: That the Town appropriate \$252,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Recreation Commission for Phase One of a project to restore the Cordage Factory building located at 10 Playground Road.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 27

VOTED: That the Town appropriate \$100,680 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Hingham Historic Archives Task Force to implement Phase I of the Hingham Historic Collections Master Plan.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 28

VOTED: That the Town appropriate \$147,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve and \$658,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve for the acquisition by negotiated purchase of the Scotland Street meadow-- Lot 24 on Assessors' Map 190, consisting of approximately 9.75 acres, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission in accordance with M. G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8C, for conservation, drinking water supply protection and passive recreation purposes; that the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen be authorized, but not required, to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary under the Self-Help Act (M.G.L. Chapter 132A, Section 11) or any other applications for funds in any way connected with the scope of this acquisition including, but not limited to, grants for the reimbursement for the acquisition of open space and drinking water supply protection; and that the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized, as they deem appropriate, to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments, including, but not limited to, a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Deed acceptable to the Town and the conveyance of a perpetual conservation restriction in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 184, as required by Section 12(a) of Chapter 44B or Chapter 293 Section 10 of the Acts of 1998, as amended, as may be necessary or desirable on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase, which conservation restriction (accompanied by an appropriate stewardship endowment grant) may be granted to any organization qualified and willing to hold such a restriction.

2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 29

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$755,000. from the Community Preservation General Reserve for the acquisition by negotiated purchase of approximately 31 acres of land located south of the Hingham Middle School and west of Main Street (Route 228) as described on Assessors' Map 197, Lots 3, 4 and 5 to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8C for conservation, drinking water supply protection and passive recreation purposes; that the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen be authorized, but not required, to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary under the Self-Help Act (M.G.L. Chapter 132A, Section 11) or any other applications

for funds in any way connected with the scope of this acquisition including, but not limited to, grants for the reimbursement for the acquisition of open space and drinking water supply protection; and that the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized, as they deem appropriate, to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments, including, but not limited to, a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Deed acceptable to the Town and the conveyance of a perpetual conservation restriction in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 184 as required by Section 12(a) of Chapter 44B or Chapter 293 Section 10 of the Acts of 1998, as amended, as may be necessary or desirable on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase, which conservation restriction (accompanied by an appropriate stewardship endowment grant) may be granted to any organization qualified and willing to hold such a restriction.

**2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote**

Meeting Adjourned 10:46 PM

**Second Session
April 24, 2012**

**Registered Voters: 16,153
Attendance: 365
Reconvened: 7:48 PM**

Article 30

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, by inserting in Section V-B 2, in the correct alphabetical order the following definitions: Changeable Sign A sign whose message or content can be changed by means of remote electronically energized combinations of alphabetic or pictographic components arranged on a display surface, provided that the message on such sign is not legible from any abutting public way. Illumination shall be integral to the components, such as LED, LCD, Plasma or other comparable technologies. A Changeable Sign shall not be considered a Flashing, moving or animated sign for purposes of this Section V-B. A Changeable Sign shall not be considered an internally illuminated sign for purposes of this Section V-B 6 (b).

Electronic Screen Effects The face of an Electronic Message Sign produces standard screen effects. These include: 'frame' (a complete,

static display); 'dynamic frame effect' (illusion of motion and/or animation); 'dissolve' (mode of message transition, in which the first message gradually appears to dissipate with the gradual appearance of a subsequent message); 'fade' (mode of message transition by varying the light intensity).

Electronic Message Sign An electrically activated changeable single- or double-sided sign located in a Shopping Center, whose variable message and /or graphic content can be electronically programmed from a remote location. Electronic Message Signs use LEDs, LCDs, Plasma or other comparable technologies as a lighting source. No such Electronic Message Sign shall be legible from any abutting public way. All Electronic Message Signs shall not exceed a luminance level of 750 Candela per square meter between sunset and sunrise.

Off-Premise Sign An Electronic Message Sign erected, maintained or used in the outdoor environment which includes commercial or non-commercial messages not appurtenant to the use of or products sold on the property on which it is located.

**2/3rds Vote Required
Lost Majority Vote**

Article 31

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, by adding to the Schedule of Sign Regulations in Section V-B the provisions.

**Recommended No Action Taken
2/3rds Vote Required
A Majority Vote**

Article 32

VOTED: That the Town amend Section III-I of the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, by deleting it in its entirety and substituting therefor a new Section III-I as set forth above in the foregoing Article 32.

**2/3rds Vote Required
A Majority Vote**

Article 33

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as set forth above in the foregoing Article 33.

2/3rds Vote Required

A Majority Vote

Article 34

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

At Section III-C, delete subsection (1) in its entirety and replace it with the following subsection (1):

The Floodplain and Watershed Protection District shall be shown on a map entitled "Zoning Map of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts Part B Flood Plain and Watershed Protection District dated 2012, as may be amended from time to time." The district includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Hingham at or below 10 feet above Mean Sea Level (MSL) as well as all special flood hazard areas designated as Zone A, AE, or VE on the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The map panels of the Plymouth County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Hingham are panel numbers 25023C0018J, 25023C0019J, 25023C0038J, 25023C0081J, 25023C0082J, 25023C0083J, 25023C0084J, 25023C0091J, 25023C0092J, 25023C0101J, 25023C0102J, 25023C0103J, 25023C0104J, 250230111J, dated July 17, 2012. The FIRM and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Building Department, and Conservation Commission.

The Floodplain and Watershed Protection District is established as an overlay district and shall be superimposed on all other districts established by this By-Law.

All regulations in the Hingham Zoning By-Law applicable to such underlying districts shall remain in effect; except that, where the provisions of this Section III-C impose additional regulations, those additional regulations shall govern.

2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 35

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941 as heretofore amended, in the "Zoning Map, Part A, of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts," by removing from Residence C District and including in the Office Park District the land shown on Assessors Map 176 as Lots 3, 4, and 8; and on Assessors Map 186 as Lots 3 and 5; and on Assessors Map 187 as Lots 10 and 12 which land is situated off Old Derby Street and on the northeasterly side of Route 3 and the easterly side of the Town Line.

2/3rds Vote Required
A Majority Vote

Article 36

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941 as heretofore amended, in the "Zoning Map, Part A, of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts," to add the following parcels within the South Hingham Overlay District shown on Assessors Map 176 as Lots 3, 4, and 8; and on Assessors Map 186 as Lots 3 and 5; and on Assessors Map 187 as Lots 10 and 12 which land is situated off Old Derby Street and on the northeasterly side of Route 3 and the easterly side of the Town Line.

2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 37

VOTED: That the Town expand the existing boundaries of the Industrial/Office Park Sewer District to include those parcels of land as shown on Assessors' Map 176 as Lots 3, 4 and 8; and on Assessors' Map 186 as Lots 3 and 5; and on Assessors' Map 187 as Lots 10 and 12; and as shown on the map entitled "Proposed Sewer District Expansion Plan", prepared by Coler & Colantonio, Inc., dated January 18, 2012.

2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 38

VOTED: That the Town appropriate up to \$600,000 for the design and construction of an additional sewer system on Ship Street and Cottage Street, and to accomplish such action, the Town: (1) authorize and empower the Sewer Commission to contract for design, engineering and construction service for such sewage facilities; and (2) authorize the Sewer Commission and/or Board of Selectmen to impose betterment assessments upon property benefitted by such sewer systems; and (3) to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer/Collector be, and hereby is, authorized to borrow up to \$600,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44 Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and that in connection with this borrowing, any or all of such amount may be borrowed through the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, c.29C, as amended (the "Trust"), and in connection therewith, the Selectmen and any other appropriate Town officers are authorized to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to any such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof.

2/3rds Vote Required

Standing Vote Taken

Yes 184

No 91

Motion Passed

Article 39

VOTED: That the Town change the position of Treasurer/Collector from an elected office to a position appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

A Majority Vote

Also requires approval at Town Election

Article 40

VOTED: That no action be taken on this article regarding Town Meeting Quorum

No Action Taken

Article 41

VOTED: That the Town vote to accept M.G.L. c. 32B, § 20, as amended, and subsequently transfer funds currently in the Retiree Healthcare Liability Trust Fund to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund.

A Majority Vote

Article 42

VOTED: That the Town change the requirement from at least every three years to at least every nine years that, under the direction of the Selectmen, the Audit Committee will ask the Town Administrator to issue a request for proposals for an independent auditing firm to conduct, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, an annual audit of the financial statements of the Town.

A Majority Vote

Article 43

VOTED: That the Town amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, at Article 13 as follows:

At Section 4-General Rules and Regulations, by deleting the words "a period of at least fifteen days" and replacing them with the words "a period of at least thirty days", and by adding the following sentence at the end of said Section 4:

"An electronic copy of this record shall be forwarded to the Police Department within one (1) calendar day of the transaction."

A Unanimous Vote

Article 44

VOTED: That the Town amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Hingham adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, by amending Article 31, entitled "Demolition of Historically Significant Buildings or Structures" and known as the "Demolition Delay By-Law", as follows:

Item 1: Amend Section 2 by replacing it in its entirety with the following:

For the purposes of this By-Law the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

Commission - The Hingham Historical Commission

Commission Staff – The person(s) regularly providing staff services for the Commission whom the Commission has designated as “commission staff” for the purposes of this By-Law.

Commissioner – The person occupying the office of Hingham Building Commissioner or otherwise authorized in the Town of Hingham to issue permits under the Massachusetts State Building Code.

Demolition – The act of pulling down, destroying, removing, razing or commencing the work of any destruction of a regulated building or structure as defined in Section 3 of this By-Law, or any portion thereof, excluding modifications to the interior of the building or structure having no effect on the exterior thereof. Without limiting the foregoing, demolition includes the act of removal or replacement of any historic architectural element of any regulated building or structure for which a building permit is required from the Commissioner including, but not limited to, the frame, finish, window(s), roofing, chimney(s), siding, or any other architectural feature affecting the exterior of a regulated building or structure.

Permit - A permit issued by the Commissioner for any Demolition (as defined in this By-Law). A Permit, as this term is used in this By-Law, shall include a building permit for Demolition activities as defined above and/or a permit for demolition issued by the Commissioner pursuant to the Massachusetts State Building Code.

Historically Significant – a determination by the Commission that a Regulated Building or Structure is:

(1) importantly associated with one or more historic persons or events, or with the architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the Town, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States of America; or

(2) historically or architecturally important by reason of period, style, method of building construction or association with a particular architect or builder, either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings or structures.

Item 2: Except for the clause in Section 5 which reads “procedures for the demolition and/or securing of buildings and structures established by Chapter 143, Sections 6-10, of the Massachusetts General Laws”, capitalize the term “demolition” wherever it appears in Sections 3 through 6 so that it will hereafter appear as “Demolition”.

Item 3: Replace the term “demolition permit” wherever it appears in Section 3 through 6 with the term “Permit”.

Item 4: Capitalize the term “historically significant” wherever it appears in Sections 3 through 6 so that it will hereafter appear as “Historically Significant”.

Item 5: Amend Section 3 by adding to the introductory sentence thereof, prior to the colon, the following: “(and the architectural elements thereof) which shall be known for purposes of this By-Law as “Regulated Buildings or Structures” and by replacing subsection (3) thereof in its entirety with the following:

(3) a building or structure included in the Inventory of the Historic and Prehistoric Assets of the Commonwealth, the Hingham Comprehensive Inventory of the historic, architectural and archeological assets of the Town or designated by the Commission for inclusion in either of said Inventories. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the provisions of this section shall not apply to any building or structure located in a local historic district and subject to regulation under the provisions of Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Item 6: Replace each of the following clauses with the term “Regulated Building or Structure”: (i) in Section 4.A the clause “building or structure identified in paragraph (c) of this section”; (ii) in Section 5 the clause “building or structure identified in section 3 of this article; and (iii) the clause “building or structure” wherever else it appears in Sections 3 through 6, except in Sections 4.D, 4.F and the first sentence of Section 4.G.

Item 7: Amend Section 4.B by adding the following at the end thereof: The Commission may, by a majority vote of the Commission, delegate the determination of whether a Regulated Building or Structure is Historically Significant to Commission Staff or to a designated Commission member. In the event that the Commission delegates the determination to the Commission Staff or to a designated Commission member, the Commission shall adopt criteria to be followed by the Commission Staff or such member in making the determination. A determination by the Commission Staff or by a Commission member pursuant to such delegation shall be deemed a determination by the Commission.

Item 8: Replace Section 4.D in its entirety with the following:

D. Within sixty (60) days after the applicant is notified that the Commission has determined that a Regulated Building or Structure is Historically Significant, the applicant for the permit shall submit to the Commission ten (10) copies of a demolition plan which shall include the following information: (i) a map showing the location of the Regulated Building or Structure or architectural element(s) thereof to be demolished with reference to lot lines and to neighboring buildings and structures; (ii) photographs of all street facade elevations; (iii) a description of the Regulated Building or Structure or architectural

element(s) thereof to be demolished; (iv) the reason for the proposed Demolition and data supporting said reason, including, where applicable, data sufficient to establish any economic justification for Demolition; and (v) a brief description of the proposed reuse of the parcel on which the Regulated Building or Structure is located.

Item 9: Replace the last two sentences of Section 4.E with the following:

Within sixty (60) days after its receipt of the demolition plan, the Commission shall file a written report with the Commissioner on the demolition plan which shall include the following: (i) a description of the age, architectural style, historic association and importance of the Regulated Building or Structure or architectural element(s) to be demolished; and (ii) a determination as to whether or not the Regulated Building or Structure or any architectural element thereof should preferably be preserved. The Commission shall determine that a Regulated Building or Structure or architectural element(s) thereof should preferably be preserved only if it finds that the Regulated Building or Structure or architectural element thereof is Historically Significant because it is important to the Town's historical and/or architectural resources and is in the public interest to preserve, rehabilitate or restore.

Item 10: In Section 4.F and the first sentence of Section 4.G replace the clause "building or structure" with the clause "Regulated Building or Structure and/or architectural element(s) thereof to be demolished".

Item 11: Amend Section 4 by adding the following subsection H at the end thereof:

H. Any material change to the plans filed and approved by the Commissioner and the Commission that (i) pursuant to the Massachusetts State Building Code, requires the permit holder to file for a modification, (ii) occurs subsequent to the issuance of a Permit previously approved by the Commission, and (iii) affects the exterior of a Regulated Building or Structure or architectural element thereof, must be reviewed by the Commission. The applicant shall submit plans detailing the requested changes to the Commission and the Commissioner. The Commission shall issue a written report to the Commissioner within 30 days of receipt of such plans. Such report shall either approve the requested changes and authorize the issuance of a Permit pursuant to the revised plans or shall deny the proposed changes. The changes shall be deemed approved if such report is not received by the Commissioner within said thirty (30) day period. If the proposed changes are not approved, the applicant may proceed with the work as authorized under the original Permit or the work as described in the revised plans will be subject to Section 4.G above.

Item 12: Amend Section 5 to replace the words "himself" and "he" with the words "the Commissioner", and the word "his" with the word "the".

Item 13: Amend Section 6 entitled "Non-Compliance" by deleting it in its entirety and substituting therefore the following:

Section 6 - NON-COMPLIANCE A. The Commission may request that the Board of Selectmen institute any and all actions or proceedings, in law or equity as the Selectmen may deem necessary and appropriate to obtain compliance with the requirements of this By-Law or to prevent a threatened violation thereof.

B. Anyone who engages in Demolition in violation of this By-Law may be subject to a fine of not more than three hundred (\$300) dollars. Each day the violation exists shall constitute a separate offense until a faithful restoration of the demolished Regulated Building or Structure or architectural element is completed or unless otherwise agreed to by the Commission. C. No building permit shall be issued with respect to any premises upon which Demolition has occurred in violation of this By-Law for a period of three (3) years after the date of such violation. As used herein, "premises" refers to the parcel of land upon which the Regulated Building or Structure (or architectural element thereof) was located and all adjoining parcels of land under common ownership or control.

D. Notwithstanding the foregoing, whenever the Commission shall, on its own initiative, or on application of the landowner, determine that earlier reconstruction, restoration or other remediation of any Demolition in violation of this By-Law better serves the intent and purpose of this By-Law, it may, prior to the expiration of said three (3) year period, authorize the Commissioner in writing to issue a Permit upon such conditions as the Commission deems necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this By-Law. Upon issuance of such written authorization by the Commission to the Commissioner, and compliance of the landowner with the conditions, if any, of such authorization, the building permit moratorium set forth in subsection 6.C shall cease, provided that future Permit applications for the premises shall be subject to applicable provisions of this By-Law. E. Nothing in this Section shall be deemed to exempt a landowner from compliance with any requirements of the State Building Code or prohibit landowners from complying with any requirements of the State Building Code.

Standing Vote Taken

Yes 137

No 105

Motion Adopted

Article 45

VOTED: That the Town transfer \$160,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation: Insurance Recovery in Excess of \$20,000 for use by the Fire Department.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 46

VOTED: That the Town transfer \$56,067.67 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation: Insurance Recovery in Excess of \$20,000 for use by the School Committee.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 47

VOTED: That the Town authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to (1) petition the Great and General Court to remove a portion of a parcel of land off Fort Hill Street currently being held for public park and public recreation purposes ("Parcel 2") consisting of approximately of 3.21 acres known as a portion of Lot 1 on Assessors' Map 77, in exchange for a parcel of land consisting of approximately 10.08 acres known as a portion of Lot 44 on Assessors' Map 69 currently held for general municipal use ("Parcel 1"), said Parcel 1 to be held for public park and public recreation purposes, such Parcels being shown a plan entitled Open Space Modification Plan Bare Cove Park Drive, Hingham, Ma 02043 by Coler & Colantonio dated March 8, 2012, and (2) if necessary, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant restrictions on such Parcel 1.

A Majority Vote

Article 48

VOTED: That the Town authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease of a parcel of land off Fort Hill Street, shown as Parcel 2 on a plan entitled Open Space Modification Plan Bare Cove Park Drive, Hingham, MA 02043, prepared by Coler & Colantonio dated March 8, 2012, for use as a non-profit local access cable studio and related offices.

A Unanimous Vote

Meeting Adjourned 11:43 PM

**Third Session
April 30, 2012**

Registered Voters: 16,153

Attendance: 568

Reconvened: 7:08 PM

Article 49

VOTED: That no action be taken on this article regarding Cushing Street, South Pleasant Street and Main Street traffic lights.

Affirmative Motion Presented

Standing Vote Taken

Yes 182

No 298

Motion Lost

Article 50

VOTED: That the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 43D of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2006, and approve the filing of an application within 2 years the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of land commonly known as the South Shore Industrial Park, including properties located at 35 Commerce Road (Map 207, Lot 18); 45 Industrial Park Road (Map 201, Lot 6); 55 Industrial Park Road (Map 201, Lot 7) ; 65 Industrial Park Road, Map 201, Lot 8) ; 75 Industrial Park Road (Map 201, Lot 9); 90 Industrial Park Road (Map 201, Lot 12) ; 90A Industrial Park Road (Map 201, Lot 3) 99 Industrial Park Road (Map 201, Lot 8); 110 Industrial Park Road (Map 207, Lot 12); 120 Industrial Park Road (Map 207, Lot 11); 125 Industrial Park Road (Map 207, Lot 2) ; 10 Old Mine Rock Way (Map 207, Lot 14); 1 Pond Park Road (Map 200, Lot 7); 2 Pond Park Road (Map201, Lot 20) ; 3 Pond Park Road (Map 201, Lot 13); 4 Pond Park Road (Map 201, Lot 5); 5 Pond Park Road (Map 210, Lot 4); 20 Pond Park Road (Map 210, Lot 10); 30 Pond Park Road (Map 207, Lot 6); 35 Pond Park Road (Map 201, Lot 11); 40 Pond Park Road (Map 206, Lot 2) ; 45 Pond Park Road (Map 200, Lot 6); 50 Pond Park Road (Map 206, Lot 1); 55 Pond Park Road (Map 207, Lot 10); 60 Research Road (Map 207, Lot 16); 70 Research Road (Map 207, Lot 15); 75 Research Road (Map 201, Lot 7); 80

Research Road (Map 207, Lot 9); 85 Research Road (Map 207, Lot 5); 90 Research Road (Map 207, Lot 19) ; 100 Research Road (Map 206, Lot 9); 105 Research Road (Map 206, Lot 120) as Priority Development Sites.

A Majority Vote

Article 51

VOTED: That no action be taken on this article regarding an amendment to the General By-Laws entitled "Advisory Committee".

A Majority Vote

Article 52

VOTED: That no action be taken on this article regarding Motion for the Previous Question Vote.

A Majority Vote

Article 53

VOTED: That no action be taken on this article regarding Motion for the Previous Question Procedure.

A Majority Vote

Article 54

VOTED: That no action be taken on this article regarding Placement of Articles in the Town Warrant.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 55

VOTED: That no action be taken on this article regarding Town Meeting and Notice thereof.

A Majority Vote

Article 56

VOTED: That no action be taken on this article regarding Quorum at Town Meeting.

A Majority Vote

Article 57

VOTED: That no action be taken on this article regarding Town of Hingham Municipal Building Authority.

A Majority Vote

Article 58

VOTED: That no action be taken on this article regarding Recall Elections.

A Majority Vote

Article 59

VOTED: That the Town, in accordance with the HAHT By-Law adopted at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting, approve the following allocation plan for any funds to be appropriated to the HAHT in FY 2012 and FY 2013:

(a) purpose-restricted funds which come to the HAHT in FY 2012 or FY 2013 for designated purposes via Town Meeting appropriation shall be allocated according to those purposes;

(b) funds allocated by a previous Town Meeting shall continue to be allocated according to the plan approved at that Town Meeting.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 60

VOTED: That, effective July 1, 2012, the Town reduce the number of members of the Open Space Acquisition Committee from five to three, to be appointed as follows: one member to be appointed by the Conservation Commission; one member to be appointed by the

Planning Board; and one member to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 61

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Municipal Light Department, by the Municipal Light Board, to take all actions necessary to acquire easements for the location, management, maintenance and operation of its power lines along the MBTA Greenbush Line.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 62

VOTED: That no action be taken on this article regarding the Barnes Wharf Lease.

A Majority Vote

Meeting Adjourned 9:09 PM

CASH APPROPRIATIONS
FISCAL YEAR 2013

Article 6	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
122 SELECTMEN	
Payroll	413,736
Expenses	32,915
132 RESERVE FUND	550,000
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
Payroll	333,402
Expenses	12,555
Capital Outlay	55,500
Audit	55,000
Information Technology	129,526
141 ASSESSORS	
Payroll	194,961
Expenses	11,587
Capital Outlay	0
Consulting	69,800
Map Maintenance	6,000
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR	
Payroll	291,334
Expenses	44,308
Tax Titles	10,000
151 LEGAL SERVICES	232,000
159 TOWN MEETINGS	
Payroll	2,692
Expenses	28,300
161 TOWN CLERK	
Payroll	165,581

Expenses	7,707
162 ELECTIONS	
Payroll	17,350
Expenses	18,160
173 COMMUNITY PLANNING	
Payroll	580,836
Expenses	56,857
177 BARE COVE PARK	
Payroll	15,857
Expenses	5,333
192 TOWN HALL	
Payroll	174,942
Expenses	379,693
Capital Outlay	49,695
193 GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL HALL	<u>12,207</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u><u>3,957,834</u></u>
 PUBLIC SAFETY	
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$354,521)	4,411,314
Expenses	307,600
Capital Outlay	211,657
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$453,120)	4,058,319
Expenses	353,584
Capital Outlay	185,500
230 DISPATCH SERVICES	
Expenses	523,000

244 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	
Payroll	
Expenses	
291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
Payroll	
Expenses	
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	
Payroll	32,456
Expenses	3,700
295 HARBORMASTER	
Payroll	126,165
Expenses	42,266
299 PUBLIC SAFETY UTILITIES	
Emergency Water	326,500
Street Lighting	<u>183,000</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>10,765,061</u>
EDUCATION	
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	33,068,726
Expenses	7,498,595
Capital Outlay	<u>429,444</u>
TOTAL EDUCATION	<u><u>40,996,765</u></u>
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	
405 PROJECT ENGINEERING	
Payroll	202,968
Expenses	19,000
Capital Outlay (\$325,000 from available reserves)	0
Road Building/Construction	225,000

420 HIGHWAY/RECREATION/TREE & PARK

Payroll (Overtime \$38,142)	1,685,681
Expenses	374,730
Capital Outlay (\$24,000 from available reserves)	24,000
Snow Removal	504,325
Resurfacing	277,835

430 LANDFILL/RECYCLING

Payroll (Overtime \$18,092)	425,243
Expenses	843,271
Capital Outlay	65,000

440 SEWER COMMISSION

Payroll	322,789
Expenses	240,492
Capital Outlay	62,900
Engineering	10,000
MWRA Charges	1,576,735
Debt Service	0
Hull Intermunicipal Agreement	116,153

The sum of \$2,329,069 shall be funded from
Sewer revenue.

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	<u><u>6,976,122</u></u>
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HUMAN SERVICES

510 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Payroll	279,739
Expenses	18,135

541 ELDER SERVICES

Payroll	186,616
Expenses	15,665
Capital Outlay	0

Tax Work Off Program	40,000
543 VETERANS' SERVICES	
Payroll	46,524
Expenses	4,431
Benefits	233,700
545 WOMANSPLACE CRISIS CENTER	2,500
546 SOUTH SHORE WOMEN'S CENTER	<u>3,500</u>
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	<u><u>830,810</u></u>

CULTURE AND RECREATION

610 LIBRARY	
Payroll	1,118,246
Expenses	238,927
Capital Outlay	107,249
630 RECREATION COMMISSION	
Payroll	72,750
650 TRUSTEES OF BATHING BEACH	
Payroll	16,701
Expenses	5,825
Capital Outlay (from available reserves)	53,000
692 CELEBRATIONS	<u>10,819</u>
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	<u><u>1,623,517</u></u>

ENTERPRISE FUND

720 COUNTRY CLUB	1,921,499
The total sum of \$1,921,499 shall be funded from Country Club revenue.	
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND	<u><u>1,921,499</u></u>

DEBT SERVICE

710 DEBT SERVICE	<u>7,122,583</u>
(\$3,570,206 IS EXCLUDED FROM PROPOSITION 2 1/2)	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<u><u>7,122,583</u></u>
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
900 CONTRIBUTORY GROUP INSURANCE	6,454,000
900 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	1,054,299
910 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT	3,646,653
911 NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS	0
912 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	300,000
913 UNEMPLOYMENT	50,000
914 EMPLOYER MEDICARE TAXES	<u>693,321</u>
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	<u><u>12,198,273</u></u>
UNCLASSIFIED	
901 INSURANCE	
Fire, Public Liability, Property Damage, etc.	381,000
940 CLAIMS AND INCIDENTALS	
Claims and Incidentals	10,950
Total	<u>10,950</u>
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	<u><u>391,950</u></u>
TOTAL ARTICLE 6	86,784,414

Article 12	
From Stabilization to reduce 2013 Tax Rate	176,629
Article 13	
From Available funds to Meals Stabilization Fund	581,156
Article 19	
Feasibility Study acquisition of Water Company	320,000
Article 20	
CPC-General Reserve	25,000
Tree & Park Barn	
Article 21	
CPC-General Reserve	65,000
Historical Commission Preservation Projects	
Article 22	
CPC-General Reserve	25,000
Community Preservation Administrative Fund	
Article 23	
CPC-General Reserve	275,000
Whitney Wharf Pedestrian Bridge	
Article 24	
CPC-General Reserve	50,000
Liberty Plain Cemetery Veterans' Markers & Monuments	
Article 25	
CPC-General Reserve	47,000
Hingham Centre Cemetery Fence Continuation	
Article 26	
CPC-General Reserve	252,000
Recreation-Cordage Factory	

Article 27	
CPC-General Reserve	100,680
Historic Archives Task Force Phase 1	
Article 28	
CPC-General Reserve	658,000
CPC-Open Space Reserve	147,000
Purchase of Scotland St. Meadow	
Article 29	
CPC-General Reserve	
Purchase Accord Brook Land	755,000
Article 38	
Design & Construction of Sewer on Ship & Cottage	
Sts	600,000
Article 45	
Receipts Reserved for Insurance (Ambulance)	
Article 46	
Receipts Reserved for Insurance (Middle School)	
	<u>90,861,879</u>

Vital Statistics

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Births	228	237	198	221	205
Marriages	89	82	80	74	73
Deaths	262	270	286	335	275

*Received as of preparation of report. For verification of any individual record, call the Town Clerk's Office.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

MARCH 6, 2012

Republican Ballot

Presidential Preference – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Ron Paul	20	20	22	17	17	8	26	130
Mitt Romney	230	302	303	390	241	203	320	1989
Rick Perry	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	4
Rick Santorum	30	34	23	31	15	24	28	185
Jon Huntsman	1	2	1	2	1	2	8	17
Michelle Bachmann	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	5
Newt Gingrich	9	15	14	14	13	3	15	83
No Preference	3	2	0	5	0	4	2	16
Blanks	0	0	2	1	3	2	0	8
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	294	378	365	460	291	248	401	2437

State Committee Man – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
John P. Cafferty	176	221	222	256	178	126	237	1416
Peter J. Buckley	74	94	83	135	81	66	112	645
William M. Harris	15	24	21	13	12	18	12	115
Blanks	29	39	39	56	20	38	40	261
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	294	378	365	460	291	248	401	2437

State Committee Woman – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Janet R. Fogarty	194	268	257	315	207	164	248	1653
Blanks	100	110	108	145	84	84	153	784
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	294	378	365	460	291	248	401	2437

Town Committee – Vote for no more than 35

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Lynn Powell-Pinto	171	265	254	334	152	127	197	1500
Eric A. Haskell	163	260	245	322	138	130	177	1435
Charles Chittick, Jr.	183	270	262	335	140	134	188	1512
Ann P. Collins	176	277	271	337	153	146	199	1559
Helga J. Jorgensen	176	257	250	323	142	127	183	1458
Laura E. Marwill	168	263	249	320	140	124	179	1443
Judith C. Nims	175	253	247	318	136	125	178	1432
Jerry K. Seelen	169	266	256	335	145	126	184	1481
Heather A. Hedlund	204	290	277	346	186	139	238	1680
Gordon M. Carr	167	259	257	331	150	127	186	1477

Edna S. English	197	283	277	358	180	144	249	1688
Kathleen A. Peloquin	172	264	254	326	142	130	185	1473
Donald A. Hussey	177	269	256	332	151	128	200	1513
Guy S. Conrad, Jr.	163	262	253	323	141	128	178	1448
John P. Cafferty	192	290	277	344	170	137	214	1624
Virginia B. Gray	203	272	277	349	169	138	195	1603
Constance A. Coleman	165	256	247	320	143	123	181	1435
Timothy F. Finnerty	176	272	263	335	148	131	196	1521
William S. English	184	267	271	343	163	138	234	1600
Donald R. Pinto	167	258	250	327	146	128	190	1466
Brian J. Battista	186	265	259	338	162	127	241	1578
Thomas L.P. O'Donnell	196	276	283	351	170	136	210	1622
Bonnard F. Fage	176	261	250	322	140	124	180	1453
Leah M. Godfrey	165	261	253	325	141	124	180	1449
C. Ronald Johnson	168	254	249	326	137	129	179	1442
Carl W. Harris, Jr.	170	262	262	327	146	134	187	1488
Susan M. Harris	166	258	257	325	149	132	185	1472
Marilyn F. Parker	179	252	244	324	140	125	181	1445
Lydia H. Harris	169	258	246	320	137	125	177	1432
Thomas F. Costello	166	257	249	330	151	130	191	1474
Eileen M. Costello	164	260	251	324	148	130	193	1470
Susan C. Bush	201	275	278	347	180	143	220	1644
Christine Cadegan	171	259	251	323	151	127	192	1474
	446		424		519	436	758	
Blanks	5	##	8	5160	7	4	3	35490
Write-Ins								
Tom Martell		1						1
Spencer Martell		1						1
Daniel Mooers		1						1
Kimberly Mooers		1						1
Patricia Jennings		1						1
Michael Alyward		1						1
John Downey			1					1
Tim McGowan			1					1
Camilla Roundtree					1			1
Glenn Baker							1	1
John Beale							4	4
Total	10290	13230	12773	16100	10185	8680	14035	85295

Democratic Ballot

Presidential Preference – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Barack Obama	82	94	93	58	38	164	82	611
No Preference	12	8	11	5	5	9	11	61
Blanks	2	4	8	2	5	7	9	37
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	96	106	112	65	48	180	102	709

State Committee Man – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Gregory M. Shanahan	79	82	79	48	40	132	79	539
Blanks	17	24	33	17	8	48	23	170
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	96	106	112	65	48	180	102	709

State Committee Woman – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Karen F. DeTellis	79	84	82	48	40	134	79	546
Blanks	17	22	30	17	8	46	23	163
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		10	11			18	10	
Total	96	6	2	65	48	0	2	709

Town Committee – Vote for no more than 35

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Michael J . Traft	64	79	87	51	33	105	59	478
E. Shawn Worster	64	77	80	53	27	104	55	460
Michael A. Salerno	73	76	89	51	35	105	66	495
Stephen G. Burm	65	73	80	49	29	102	61	459
Carlos A.F. Da Silva	65	73	83	50	27	108	54	460
Dawn C. Sibor	66	74	81	53	29	103	61	467
Megan M. Buhr	65	74	81	52	28	105	55	460
Kevin J. Whalen	67	80	83	52	28	110	56	476
Ellen Whalen	70	81	82	52	32	112	59	488
Edmund Demko	70	78	84	56	32	111	62	493
Deborah G. Ludwig	69	77	85	54	28	108	57	478
Timothy H. White	71	74	85	54	30	105	60	479
Paul J. Gannon	66	73	81	50	29	105	62	466
Garrett J. Bradley	85	91	102	56	39	122	91	586
Susan K. Haley	66	75	82	53	30	110	56	472
Richard S. Haley	65	72	80	53	28	106	55	459
Philip J. Edmundson	77	81	89	53	30	105	66	501
Casey A. Fredette	65	74	80	50	32	104	55	460
Eileen C. McIntyre	68	78	82	50	28	110	58	474
James R. Watson	71	81	89	54	29	104	55	483
James M. Costello	66	75	81	52	32	109	74	489
Thomas S. Vangel	75	74	84	56	30	103	58	480
Kathleen M. Swanson	72	79	81	52	31	107	59	481
	171	193	196			383	216	
Blanks	5	2	6	1046	975	7	5	13636
Write-Ins								
Robert Broker *	7	1	2	2	1		1	14
Alex Carabelli *	7	1	2	1	1		1	13
Maryann Carnes *	7	1	2	2	1		1	14
Davalene Cooper *	6	1	2	3	1		1	14
Michael Holden *	6	1	2	3	1		1	14
Michael Mullaley *	7	1	2	2	1		1	14
Marjorie Schiller *	6	1	2	1	1		1	12
Lee Vigil *	6	1	4	3	1		1	16

James L. Watson *	5		3	3	1		1	13
Peter Swanson	2	1						3
Joseph Ruccio	1			2				3
Gregory Carnrick		1						1
Mary O'Donnell			1					1
Walter O'Donnell			1					1
Richard Sullivan				1				1
David Daly							1	1
Total	3360	3709	3897	2275	1680	6300	3559	24815

Green Rainbow Ballot

Presidential Preference – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Kent Mesplay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jill Stein	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Harley Mikkelsen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Preference	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Blanks	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

State Committee Man – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	4
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	4

State Committee Woman – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	4
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	4

Town Committee – Vote for not more than 10

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	10	0	10	10	0	0	10	40
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10	0	10	10	0	0	10	40

TOWN ELECTION

APRIL 28, 2012

MODERATOR

(One Year)	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Bernard Manning	79	101	93	82	58	80	106	599
Michael J. Puzo	405	465	549	516	346	137	429	2847
Blanks	24	24	46	19	14	35	45	207
Write-Ins	0	2	3	1	0	0	1	7
Total	508	592	691	618	418	252	581	3660

SELECTMAN

(Three Years)	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
John A. Riley	211	243	298	255	183	51	194	1435
Irma Lauter	281	330	369	340	217	192	352	2081
Bernard Manning	14	9	8	15	13	7	19	85
Blanks	2	9	15	7	5	2	15	55
Write-Ins	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	4
Total	508	592	691	618	418	252	581	3660

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

(Three Years)	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Michael P. Shaughnessy	365	425	456	443	307	175	405	2576
Blanks	141	166	233	172	109	77	174	1072
Write-Ins	2	1	2	3	2	0	2	12
Total	508	592	691	618	418	252	581	3660

TOWN CLERK

(Three Years)	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Eileen McCracken	425	503	567	518	352	191	456	3012
Blanks	83	88	123	99	65	61	123	642
Write-Ins	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	6
Total	508	592	691	618	418	252	581	3660

BOARD OF HEALTH

(Three Years)	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Peter B. Bickford	377	465	521	494	328	172	430	2787
Blanks	129	122	169	124	90	80	149	863
Write-Ins	2	5	1	0	0	0	2	10
Total	508	592	691	618	418	252	581	3660

LIGHTBOARD

(Three Years)	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
John A. Stoddard, Jr. Roger Freeman	260	371	359	341	257	136	371	2095
Blanks	183	166	253	210	121	50	136	1119
Write-ins	65	55	79	66	40	66	73	444
	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Total	508	592	691	618	418	252	581	3660

LIGHTBOARD

(Two Years)	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
John P. Ryan	353	412	450	427	295	165	394	2496
Blanks	154	178	238	189	123	87	184	1153
Write-Ins	1	2	3	2	0	0	3	11
Total	508	592	691	618	418	252	581	3660

**HOUSING
AUTHORITY**

(Five Years)	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Kevin C. Connelly Elizabeth L. James Patricia L. Neely	239	260	301	289	223	68	245	1625
Blanks	97	122	107	93	56	63	88	626
Write-Ins	57	91	82	61	46	34	76	447
	115	119	200	174	93	87	171	959
	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3
Total	508	592	691	618	418	252	581	3660

**SCHOOL
COMMITTEE**

(Three Years)	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Dennis C. Friedman Paul J. Gannon Bernard Manning	254	272	312	321	212	113	247	1731
Blanks	322	335	387	410	254	99	411	2218
Write-Ins	113	150	172	134	100	74	124	867
	327	426	510	369	270	218	378	2498
	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	6
Total	1016	1184	1382	1236	836	504	1162	7320

**PLANNING
BOARD**

(Five Years)	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Judith S.	363	421	484	448	291	172	390	2569

Sneath								
Blanks	142	167	204	170	126	80	189	1078
Write-Ins	3	4	3	0	1	0	2	13
Total	508	592	691	618	418	252	581	3660

**SEWER
COMMISSION**

(Three Years)	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Michael								
Salerno	363	424	471	466	301	166	409	2600
Blanks	142	165	216	151	116	86	168	1044
Write-Ins	3	3	4	1	1	0	4	16
Total	508	592	691	618	418	252	581	3660

RECREATION

(Five Years)	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Budd K.								
Thorne, Jr.	354	416	465	433	295	170	398	2531
Blanks	153	176	223	181	119	82	181	1115
Write-Ins	1	0	3	4	4	0	2	14
Total	508	592	691	618	418	252	581	3660

Question

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Yes	220	216	295	264	190	98	206	1489
No	210	277	261	264	156	86	254	1508
Blanks	78	99	135	90	72	68	121	663
Total	508	592	691	618	418	252	581	3660
								22.6%

(Ballot Question: Vote to change Treasurer/Collector to an appointed position)

STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

Democratic Ballot

Senator in Congress – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Elizabeth A. Warren	102	108	98	73	54	253	97	785
Blanks	16	18	11	6	14	20	12	97
Write-Ins:								
Scott Brown	0	1	2		1	1	1	6
Other Votes	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	5
Total	118	127	113	80	69	274	112	893

Representative in Congress – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5a	6	Total
Stephen F. Lynch	91	107	90	63	59	209	97	716
Blanks	25	20	23	16	10	64	13	171
Other Votes	2	0	0	1	0	1	2	6
Total	118	127	113	80	69	274	112	893

Councilor - Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5a	6	Total
Christopher Ianella, Jr.	53	60	57	33	26	136	64	429
Stephen F. Flynn	50	58	46	31	31	92	42	350
Blanks	15	9	10	16	12	46	6	114
Other Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	118	127	113	80	69	274	112	893

Senator in General Court – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5a	6	Total
Genevieve S. Davis	61	80	69	47	45	177	68	547
Steve May	43	40	34	16	19	44	31	227
Blanks	14	6	10	16	5	53	13	117
Other Votes	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Total	118	127	113	80	69	274	112	893

Representative in General Court – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5a	6	Total
Garrett J. Bradley	101		104	72	62	228	99	666
James Murphy		112						112

Blanks	17	15	9	8	7	46	13	115
Other Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	118	127	113	80	69	274	112	893

Clerk of Courts – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5a	6	Total
Robert S. Creedon Jr.	90	107	93	55	51	197	91	684
Blanks	28	20	20	24	18	77	21	208
Other Votes	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	118	127	113	80	69	274	112	893

Register of Deeds – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5a	6	Total
John R. Buckley, Jr.	92	109	93	58	54	200	91	697
Blanks	26	18	20	22	15	74	21	196
Other Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	118	127	113	80	69	274	112	893

County Commissioner – Vote for Two

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5a	6	Total
Greg Hanley	90	103	88	53	52	187	88	661
Blanks	143	151	137	104	86	361	136	1118
Other Votes	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	7
Total	236	254	226	160	138	548	224	1786

REPUBLICAN BALLOT

Senator in Congress – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5a	6	Total
Scott P. Brown	74	63	84	76	56	131	77	561
Blanks	0	2	1	2	2	4	1	12
Other Votes	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	75	65	85	78	58	135	78	574

Representative in Congress – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5a	6	Total
Joe Selvaggi	33	37	44	34	23	63	36	270
Matias Temperley	30	21	26	28	29	39	33	206
Blanks	12	6	15	16	5	32	9	95
Other Votes	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	3
Total	75	65	85	78	58	135	78	574

Councillor – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5a	6	Total
Blanks	74	65	85	76	55	135	78	568
Other Votes	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	6
Total	75	65	85	78	58	135	78	574

Senator in General Court – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5a	6	Total
Robert L. Hedlund, Jr.	70	62	77	74	52	117	72	524
Blanks	5	3	7	4	5	18	6	48
Other Votes	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Total	75	65	85	78	58	135	78	574

Representative in General Court – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5a	6	Total
Blanks	75	65	84	77	55	135	78	569
Other Votes	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	5
Total	75	65	85	78	58	135	78	574

Clerk of Courts – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5a	6	Total
Blanks	75	65	83	77	53	135	78	566
Other Votes)	0	0	2	1	5	0	0	8
Total	75	65	85	78	58	135	78	574

Register of Deeds – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5a	6	Total
Anthony T. O'Brien, Sr.	51	53	69	63	49	101	63	449
Blanks	24	12	16	15	8	34	15	124
Other Votes	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	75	65	85	78	58	135	78	574

County Commissioner – Vote for Two

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5a	6	Total
Daniel A. Pallotta	50	55	65	62	48	96	63	439
Blanks	100	74	105	92	65	174	93	703
Other Votes	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	6
Total	150	130	170	156	116	270	156	1148

STATE ELECTION

NOVEMBER 6, 2012

For President and Vice President – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Johnson & Gray	16	19	16	18	6	0	18	93
Obama & Biden	1110	1139	1164	1021	716	604	1049	6803
Romney & Ryan	1003	1213	1177	1301	951	404	1200	7249
Stein & Honkala	9	6	11	8	5	1	4	44
Blanks	5	4	5	3	5	1	6	29
Write-Ins	9	7	0	4	2	0	11	33
Total	2152	2388	2373	2355	1685	1010	2288	14251

For Senator in Congress – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Scott P. Brown	1191	1410	1355	1477	1067	439	1400	8339
Elizabeth Warren	945	965	1004	869	608	568	865	5824
Blanks	15	10	14	7	9	3	22	80
Write-Ins	1	3	0	2	1	0	1	8
Total	2152	2388	2373	2355	1685	1010	2288	14251

For Representative in Congress

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Stephen F. Lynch	1332	1378	1347	1251	894	662	1351	8215
Joe Selvaggi	696	867	873	941	695	277	789	5138
Blanks	123	143	153	161	96	71	147	894
Write-Ins	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	4
Total	2152	2388	2373	2355	1685	1010	2288	14251

For Councillor – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Christopher A. Iannella, Jr.	1504	1579	1555	1518	1081	670	1497	9404
Blanks	634	800	806	824	597	340	791	4792
Write-Ins	14	9	12	13	7	0	0	55
Total	2152	2388	2373	2355	1685	1010	2288	14251

For Senator in General Court – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Robert Hedlund	1460	1628	1639	1665	1175	496	1569	9632
Genevieve S. Davis	590	623	588	549	408	418	564	3740

Blanks	102	137	146	140	102	96	155	878
Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	2152	2388	2373	2355	1685	1010	2288	14251

For Representative in General Court (Precinct 1, 3-6) – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Garrett J. Bradley	1702		1844	1830	1243	694	1721	9034
Blanks	439		520	514	436	316	567	2792
Write-ins	11		9	11	6	0	0	37
Total	2152	0	2373	2355	1685	1010	2288	11863

For Representative in General Court (Precinct 2) – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
James M. Murphy		1463						1463
Robert M. Thomas		490						490
Blanks		433						433
Write-Ins		2						2
Total	0	2388	0	0	0	0	0	2388

For Clerk of Courts – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Robert S. Creedon	1472	1574	1539	1513	1052	672	1462	9284
Blanks	673	809	828	837	633	338	826	4944
Write-Ins	7	5	6	5	0	0	0	23
Total	2152	2388	2373	2355	1685	1010	2288	14251

For Register of Deeds – Vote for One

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
John R. Buckley, Anthony T. O'Brien	1124	1179	1156	1068	765	563	1132	6987
O'Brien	760	882	875	950	699	303	847	5316
Blanks	266	327	341	337	221	144	309	1945
Write-Ins	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Total	2152	2388	2373	2355	1685	1010	2288	14251

For County Commissioner – Vote for Two

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Greg Hanley	777	885	779	738	508	480	774	93
Daniel A. Pallotta	755	893	876	956	731	301	869	6803
Maryanne Lewis	645	662	691	675	476	261	647	7249
Blanks	2123	2336	2398	2341	1655	978	2286	44
Write-Ins	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	29
Total	4304	4776	4746	4710	3370	2020	4576	33

Question One – Allow independent repair facility access to motor vehicle diagnostic & repair information electronically.

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
YES	1687	1860	1775	1828	1303	668	1825	10946
NO	223	281	257	241	221	147	224	1594
Blanks	242	247	341	286	161	195	239	1711
Total	2152	2388	2373	2355	1685	1010	2288	14251

Question Two – Would enact the proposed law allowing a physician licensed in Massachusetts to prescribe medication, at the request of a terminally-ill patient meeting certain conditions, to end that person's life.

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
YES	1095	1090	1173	1096	750	421	1000	6625
NO	995	1214	1144	1209	881	525	1210	7178
Blanks	62	84	56	50	54	64	78	448
Total	2152	2388	2373	2355	1685	1010	2288	14251

Question Three – Would enact the proposed law eliminating state criminal and civil penalties related to the medical use of marijuana allowing patients meeting certain conditions to obtain marijuana produced and distributed by new state-regulated centers or, in specific hardship cases. To grow marijuana for their own use.

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
YES	1325	1411	1414	1393	933	430	1249	8155
NO	746	896	885	903	691	481	935	5537
Blanks	81	81	74	59	61	99	104	559
Total	2152	2388	2373	2355	1685	1010	2288	14251

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon Congress and the President to: (1) prevent cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Veterans benefits, or to housing, food and unemployment assistance; (2) create and protect jobs by investing in manufacturing, schools, housing, renewable energy, transportation and other public services; (3) provide new revenues for these purposes and to reduce the long-term federal deficit by closing corporate tax loopholes, ending offshore tax havens, and raising taxes on incomes over \$250,000; and (4) redirect military spending to these domestic needs by reducing the military budget, ending the war in Afghanistan and bringing U.S. troops home safely now?

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
YES	1183		1217	1152	834	597	1211	6194
NO	631		752	831	571	174	646	3605
Blanks	338		404	372	280	239	431	2064
Total	2152	0	2373	2355	1685	1010	2288	11863

Total Voters 16,995

83.9%

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

2012 has proven to be a busy year with the continued construction at the Shipyard, the start of the new Middle School, the South Shore Education Collaborative facility along with various construction projects throughout the Town.

We are now enforcing the eighth edition of 780 CMR State Building Code, the National Electrical Code, Mass. Plumbing and Gas Code along with the Town's General By-*Law* and the Zoning By-*Law*.

The new computer based permitting program was implemented during 2011 which allows all departments access to Building permit information. We are working diligently with IT on enhancing the new permitting software. Our goal is to offer on-line building, gas, and plumbing and electrical permits in the near future. This will allow for homeowners and contractors to send permit applications from their homes or businesses.

The Building Department has issued a total number of 3,543 permits and conducted 6,640 inspections this past year.

		<u>Fees Collected</u>
964	Building Permits	\$769,735
32	Final Cost Affidavits	42,513
608	Plumbing Permits	58,515
507	Gas Permits	26,000
1051	Electrical Permits	127,823
76	Certificate of Inspection	7,980
210	Occupancy	4,620
46	Re-inspection	3,830
81	Sheet Metal	17,930
3	Special Events	105
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3,578		\$1,059,111

Summary

	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
31 New Single Family Dwellings	\$13,760,485
9 Multi Fam Dwell (47 Units)	8,745,340
119 Dwelling Additions	14,813,237
462 Dwelling Alterations	7,913,609
6 New Garage/Additions	344,000
66 Commercial Alterations	6,103,375
3 Commercial Additions	11,357,000
1 Abbey Alterations	25,000
29 Pool House/Barn/Gazebo	797,611
1 School	60,508,039
1 Recreation Building	600,000
8 Foundations Only	364,300
34 Demolitions	220,000
23 Demolitions (non-residential)	199,750
22 Sheds	92,309
1 Dock	102,300
19 Pools (in ground)	771,050
41 Signs	68,553
17 Chimneys	79,505
7 Wood/Coal/Pellet Stoves	25,223
52 Temporary Tents	94,302
2 Retaining Wall	34,970
5 Antenna/Solar Array	147,700
1 Handicap Ramp	2,985
1 Mobile Home	<u>12,000</u>
964	\$127,183,183

I would like to thank the staff of the Building Department for their continued professionalism while servicing the various customer concerns and inspections that are addressed throughout the day.

The Building Department would like to thank all applicants, residents and businesses for their cooperation and support this past year. In addition, we thank all town departments for their continued cooperation. We look forward to serving you in 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Clancy C.B.O./Building Commissioner

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In 2012 the Commission said goodbye to Cliff Prentiss who retired from his position as Conservation Officer. Cliff dedicated 12 years to the protection of Hingham's natural resources and was instrumental in helping guide the direction and character of development for the community.

The Conservation Commission continued to evaluate projects subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Hingham Wetlands Protection Bylaw. The Commission acted on 96 applications and projects during 2012. These included:

- 1 Order of Resource Area Delineation
- 3 Emergency Certifications
- 9 Enforcement Orders
- 31 Orders of Conditions
- 21 Determinations of Applicability
- 31 Certificates of Compliance

For the fourth year, the Hingham Conservation Commission has opened selected conservation areas to bow hunting during the fall deer and spring wild turkey seasons. Twenty-nine individuals from Hingham and neighboring communities were approved to hunt on conservation land.

The Town acquired 40.72 acres of additional conservation land in 2012 through purchases funded under Community Preservation Act and donations of land to the Town. Among them are a 9.75 acre property located on Scotland Street and three properties on Main Street totaling 30.97 acres. These important acquisitions are located within the Town's drinking water supply area and will provide additional recreation opportunities in South Hingham.

The Commission's dedicated volunteers, Edy Cox and Bill Sarni continued to help maintain and improve trails and fields on Conservation lands.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) updated Hingham's Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Special Flood Hazard Areas this year. In response, the Commission amended the Hingham Wetlands Regulations to address additional protection for lands within Special Flood Hazard Areas.

Abby Y. Piersall, ACIP, was hired as the new Conservation Officer and began work on October 15, 2012.

Abby Y. Piersall, ACIP
Conservation Officer



Ice Breaking up at Foundry Pond

PLANNING BOARD

The Hingham Planning Board is pleased to submit this annual report for 2012.

Hingham witnessed continued commercial, institutional and residential development over the past year. New construction and tenant fit-ups continued at Hingham Shipyard and in commercial districts throughout the Town. The Planning Board (PB) conducted eleven Site Plan Review hearings relative to non-residential construction projects, including a new middle school, a new greenhouse at Penniman Hill Farm, and the reconstruction of a church on Ward Street. In addition, the PB issued four Special Permit A3 approvals in conjunction with requests for parking waivers in accordance with the Town's off-street parking regulations. Several

joint hearings were conducted between the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals regarding applications for a Special Permit A2. Together, the Boards permitted a new bank with a drive up teller on Whiting Street, a 12,000 s.f. specialty grocer at the Shipyard, and a Fitness Studio at 35 Pond Park Road.

During 2012 the Planning Board reviewed and endorsed ten Form A (Approval Not Required) plans for lot line changes, land swaps between adjacent parcels, and the creation of new lots in all areas of Town. Residential development on approved lots remained steady. The Board reviewed and ultimately approved an extension of time for Christina Estates at Baker Hill to September 15, 2013, which led to increased activity on this project.

In the months leading up to the 2013 Town Meeting, the Planning Board discussed and held public hearings on Phase II of the High School Fields project and a proposed amendment to the Zoning By-Law. The purpose of the article was to respond to recent legislation regarding medical marijuana. Because the Department of Public Health has not finalized their regulations on medical marijuana the Board proposed a temporary moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Facilities until 2014 Town Meeting to allow the careful consideration of what regulations, if any, may be appropriate for Hingham.

Planning Board members or their designees continue to play an active role as members of several Town committees, including the Community Preservation Committee, Open Space Acquisition Committee, Veterans Council and Traffic Committee. As with recent previous years, 2012 was marked by productive and collaborative relationships between the Planning Board and a variety of other Town boards and committees, including the Board of Selectmen, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Historic Districts Commission, Harbor Development Committee, and the Hingham Development and Industrial Committee.

Judith Sneath, Chairman
Sarah Corey, Clerk
Paul Healey
Gary Tondorf-Dick
William Ramsey

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals has three regular members, appointed to 3-year terms, and four associate members appointed to 1-year terms. The Board of Selectmen makes all appointments.

In 2012 a total of twenty-nine applications were received, resulting in thirty-eight hearings being held. The Board of Appeals granted thirteen Variances. Variances are authorizations to use land or structures in a manner that is otherwise prohibited by the Zoning By-Law where the applicant demonstrates substantial hardship, unique conditions affecting the property and no substantial detriment to the public good. The majority of the Variances approved were related to residential garages, both attached and detached, as well as expansion of residential living area.

The Board heard applications on fourteen Special Permit requests. Special Permits are authorizations to use land or structures for a specific use which is expressly permitted by the Special Permit, provided general guidelines as detailed in the By-Law and specific conditions arising from the review process itself are met. Special Permits are designed as a flexible tool to assure that the use is in harmony with the intent and purposes of the Zoning By-Law. Special Permit applications approved include a residential dock/pier along the waterfront and construction of a single-family dwelling in the Flood Plain and Watershed Protection District. Applications also approved, after jointly held hearings with the Planning Board, included a new TD Bank building on Whiting Street along with the construction of a new 12,000 square foot retail/specialty grocer building at The Launch at Hingham Shipyard.

The Board also made two findings under M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 6 concerning proposed changes to pre-existing nonconforming structures or uses. Section 6 allows extensions or alterations if the Board finds that the proposed change, extension or alteration will not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming use (or structure) to the neighborhood. One application approved by the Board allowed for the move of the existing Hersey House barn from the west side of the Hersey House lot at 229 North Street to the east side of the lot which allowed for the restoration of the barn. The other application approved by the Board allowed for the replacement of the pre-existing nonconforming structure and nonconforming commercial use of a clam shack with a single family residence on the same footprint as the existing clam shack at 25 Eldridge Court.

In June the Board opened the hearings on a Comprehensive Permit application filed by Avalon Hingham, LLC for the construction of a 177-unit rental housing community on approximately 18 acres of land on Recreation Park Drive. The Board promptly notified the applicant that pursuant to state regulations, the Board considers that a denial of the permit, or the imposition of conditions or requirements, would be consistent with local needs on the grounds that the Town had met its statutory minimum of 10% affordable housing as provided in Chapter 40B. The hearing was “stayed” pending a review by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and a subsequent appeal to the Housing Appeals Committee (HAC). Both DHCD and HAC concluded that the Board had not met the burden of proof that the Town’s affordable housing was at 10%. The HAC decision is “interlocutory” and, under DHCD regulations, it may not be appealed until after the Board has completed its hearing on the Comprehensive Permit application.

The Board would like to express its thanks for the support, cooperation and assistance we have received from all Town departments during the past year. The Board also would encourage all interested citizens to attend its hearings, which are held on selected evenings at Town Hall.

<u>SUMMARY</u>		
Applications:	29	
Hearings:	38	
Special Permits:	10	(9 granted with conditions, 1 denied)
Variances:	13	(9 granted with conditions, 3 withdrawn, 1 denied)
Appeals:	1	(1 denied)
Finding under M.G.L. 40A Section 6:	2	(2 granted with conditions)

Joseph M. Fisher Chairman
Joseph W. Freeman, Vice-Chairman
W. Tod McGrath, Clerk

Suzanne Letizia-Eddy, Zoning Administrator

HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION

The Historic Districts Commission is the Town's permitting board responsible for design review in historic districts. The work of the Commission is enabled by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, the Historic Districts Act, and by the Historic Districts By-Law approved by Town Meeting. The mission of the Historic Districts Commission is to protect the history and character of Hingham's historic districts by preserving, through design review, the streetscape and the salient architectural features of the structures located within the historic districts. Hingham is one of over 100 cities and towns in the Commonwealth that has established one or more local historic districts in order to preserve the character and architecturally distinctive features of its historic assets.

The Commission and Administrator review applications from property owners seeking approval for exterior work on properties located in historic districts. Applications for maintenance or repair are reviewed and approved immediately. In 2012, 62 Certificates were issued for maintenance projects. Applications for changes to the exterior of an historic property require design review at a public hearing. The Commission held 13 meetings in 2012, during which 58 projects were reviewed and 58 projects were approved. The Commission's objective is to help applicants meet their lifestyle and space needs while preserving the historic and architectural integrity of the original structure. Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties established by the United States Secretary of the Interior are the basis for the Commission's review of projects. Certificates of Appropriateness are issued for projects that respect a building's historical and architectural significance and the streetscape of which it is a part. The Secretary's Guidelines are incorporated in Hingham's *Guidelines for Work in Historic Districts (Guidelines)*, which define the standards for exterior work on properties located in Hingham's historic districts. During 2012, Historic Districts Commission members revised and updated the *Guidelines* to ensure that homeowners submit project plans that meet the criteria required for approval. The newly-revised *Guidelines* can be obtained from the Town's website or from the Historic Districts Commission Office on the second floor of Town Hall.

The Commission consists of five members and five alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year terms. The Historic Districts By-Law requires that the Commission includes an AIA architect, one designee each from the Planning Board and Historical Society, a resident of an historic district when possible and an at-large member. The public

is welcome to attend Commission hearings held monthly at Town Hall, generally scheduled on the third Thursday evening of the month. The Commission Office, on the second floor of Town Hall, is open during Town Hall business hours.

The Commission wishes to thank Arthur Choo, Jr. for six years of dedicated service and his professional architectural review of project applications submitted for HDC approval. The Commission welcomes new appointees Lois Levine, Anne Fanton and Michael Collard.

The Historic Districts Commission is one of the five permitting boards in the Community Planning Department and appreciates the support of the Building Department, and the cooperation of the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Members

Susan Berry, Chair
Chuck Clutz
George Ford
Nancy MacKay
Lois Levine
Andrea Young, Administrator

Alternate Members

Michael Collard
John D'Angelo, Vice-Chair
Marty Saunders
Jared Grimm
Anne Fanton



Wilder Memorial Hall – 1885 (Charles Eddy photograph)

HINGHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Hingham Historical Commission was created by Town Meeting in 1974 to serve as the Town's official body for administering the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The duty of the seven-member Historical Commission is to act in the public interest to preserve and protect the historic, cultural and archeological assets of the Town, many of which are identified in the *Town of Hingham Comprehensive Community Inventory*. The *Inventory* lists these assets, including the homes, outbuildings, churches and other non-residential or commercial buildings, cemeteries and burial grounds, bridges and landscape elements, monuments and markers that are the visual chronicle of Hingham's evolution and the essence of the town's character, culture and appeal. The *Inventory* is posted on the Town website at <http://www.hingham-ma.com/historical/inventory.html>.

Like Hingham, most cities and towns in the Commonwealth have established local Historical Commissions. Local Historical Commissions are responsible for: (1) creating and maintaining an inventory of historic assets that includes the structures mentioned in the previous paragraph; (2) protecting the above-named assets from neglect, deterioration, demolition and development; (3) providing educational opportunities to understand the Town's history and the historic context of its resources.

By virtue of its demonstrated level of commitment to historic preservation, The Town of Hingham has been designated by the National Park Service as a "Certified Local Government", and is thus eligible for certain grants from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Department of the Interior. Hingham has the distinction of being one of only 13 Certified Local Governments in the Commonwealth.

The Hingham Historical Commission carries out its mission via the expertise and commitment of its volunteer members and the resources contained in the *Preservation Projects Fund*, established, pursuant to statute, to help carry out projects and programs important for preserving the Town's historic character. This fund, initially established with grants and donations, has been used to mitigate the impacts of the Greenbush Line, catalogue archival materials to make information on the Town's historical and architectural assets available to the public, published two histories of the Town, Not All Is Changed and When I Think of Hingham, and the *Historic Districts Handbook*. In addition, monies within this fund maintain such assets as the Memorial Bell Tower, the Lincoln, Governor Andrew and Iron Horse statues, and historical town markers. Since the adoption of the *Community Preservation Act*, the Commission

reviews, makes recommendations on, and proposes projects to preserve the history and character of the Town. The Commission has utilized CPA and other grants to the Preservation Projects Fund to support small preservation projects.

The Commission also advises on certain environmental reviews through the Federal "Section 106" historic review process and the Massachusetts *State Register of Historic Places* program, and administers the Demolition Delay By-law, adopted by vote of Town Meeting in 1988 and revised in 2012, which is designed to protect historic properties outside of designated Local Historic Districts. The delay allows the Commission time to work with property owners to consider alternatives to demolition of structures that contribute to the Town's historic character.

Finally, the Commission administers the Greenbush Historic Preservation Trust, a special fund established pursuant to an agreement between the Town and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, to assist in the preservation of, and improvement to, historical assets in the area along the Greenbush rail line right-of-way.

The Commission wishes to thank Virginia Tay for her service as member and Chair. With Dr. Tay's leadership and unequivocal support for preserving the Town's historic assets, the Commission launched its' annual Preservation Seminars, revised the Demolition Delay By-Law and began the process of making the \$1.35M Greenbush Preservation Trust Fund available to eligible participants.

The Commission also appreciates the dedication of member and Vice-Chair Noel Ripley, Jr., whose knowledge of period building construction was essential to preserving structures under the Demolition Delay By-Law that might otherwise have been lost.

Finally, the Commission welcomes two new members, Arthur Choo, Jr. and Michael Dyer.

Members

Tom Willson, Chair	Huck Handy
Robert Curley, Jr., Vice-Chair	Steve Swett
Mike Dyer	Beth Rockoff
Arthur Choo, Jr.	Andrea Young, Administrator

PERSONNEL BOARD

The Personnel Board is pleased to submit this Annual Report of its activities from January 1 through December 31, 2012.

Calendar 2012 saw the Personnel Board handle many matters. Most important was a wage and classification study of all Town positions not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. A salary survey of the 19 towns Hingham uses for comparison purposes was conducted. Position Analysis Questionnaires were completed by the employees in positions covered by the study and by Department Heads.

The Board approved the reclassification of the following positions: Treasurer Tax Receipts Clerk from Grade 7 to Grade 8, Treasurer Research Clerk from Grade 7 to Grade 8, Building Department/Zoning Board of Appeals Clerk from Grade 6 to Grade 7, Senior Clerk position in the Town Clerk Office from Grade 6 to Grade 7, Director Veterans' Services from Grade 10 to Grade 13, Harbormaster from Grade 12 to Grade 13, Historic Administrator from Grade 11 to Grade 12, Director Community Planning from Grade 17 to Grade 18, Inspector of Buildings/Building Commissioner from Grade 14 to Grade 15, and Library Director, from Grade 17 to Grade 18.

In connection with the study, the Board reviewed all job descriptions and revised the following: Payroll Administrator, Staff Accountant, Accounts Payable Clerk, Director of Assessing, Assistant Assessor, Assessing Technician, Accounts Receivable Clerk, Accounts Payable Clerk, Sewer Supervisor, Office Administrator-Sewer Department, Municipal Lien Clerk, Revenue Receipts Administrator, Assistant Treasurer/Collector, Treasurer Collector, Food Inspector, Health Agent, Executive Health Officer, Health Clerk, Administrative Secretary-Health Department, Public Health Nurse, Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Administrative Secretary-Elder Services, Outreach Coordinator, Director of Elder Services, Inspector of Wires, Zoning Administrator, Administrative Assistant-Community Planning, Conservation Officer, Administrative Assistant-Conservation, Wetlands Filing Clerk and Deputy Building Inspector.

The Board classified and established a job description for the new position of Recycling and Transfer Station Swap Shop Coordinator and approved minor changes to the language in the Elder Services Volunteer Coordinator job description and re-titled this position Program Coordinator. The Board re-graded the Recreation Department positions of Fitness Room Attendant and Child Care Attendant from x-5 and x-3, respectively, to x-2 for both. The Board approved requests that newly

hired employees hired into the following positions be placed at a higher step on the applicable salary scale based on their prior experience: Elder Services Outreach Coordinator, Police Officer, Director of Community Planning, Assistant Town Clerk and Inspector of Buildings/Building Commissioner. The Board approved 11 vacation carry-over requests. The Board approved a request for an extension of sick leave for one employee.

The Board recommended to the 2012 Annual Town Meeting that, effective July 1, 2012, a 2% general wage increase for Hingham employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. This recommendation was approved by the Town Meeting. The Board also recommended that Section 8 of the Personnel By-Law be revised by adding a new sub-section -d "Individual Employment Agreements", a change that was adopted by the 2012 Annual Town Meeting. The Board determined that the criteria set forth in sub-section 8-d had been satisfied so that the following positions would be removed from the Classification and Salary Plan, permitting the Board of Selectmen to enter into individual employment agreements with the incumbents: Director of Operations/Golf Course Superintendent, South Shore Country Club and Town Engineer positions.

During calendar year 2012, the Board concluded negotiations and the Board of Selectmen signed three year successor labor contracts with the unions that represent Fire Department employees and Library employees. The two contracts provide that, for their term, July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014, there will be a general wage increase of 2% in each of the three years.

The Board ended calendar 2012 preparing to negotiate new contracts with three bargaining units representing: Public Works Department employees, Police Patrol Officers and Police Superior Officers, all of which expire on June 30, 2013.

The Board acknowledges and thanks Michael Puzo for his extraordinary work with the Board and welcomes the new member, Jack Manning.

David Pace, Chairman
Russell Conn
Marie Harris
Jack Manning
Nelson Ross

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works is responsible for the care and upkeep of approximately 140 miles of public roads and unaccepted subdivisions, 100 miles of drain lines, 10,000 drainage structures, 60 miles of sidewalks and over 10,000 public shade trees. We maintain numerous parks, grounds, islands, recreation and athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, parking areas, skating areas, beaches, public buildings, the Town Forest and two Town nurseries.

We maintain and provide other assistance for the upkeep of Conservation areas, the Bare Cove Park and numerous other public properties throughout Town. We also assist other Town departments with bidding, procurement, building maintenance, and vehicle maintenance and repairs.

The Department of Public Works is directly responsible for snow and ice control on all public roadways, parking areas, public buildings, driveways, schools, sidewalks and certain private ways and unaccepted subdivisions. We are also responsible for the operation of the Town's Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility, as well as, the monitoring and maintenance of the Town's capped Sanitary Landfill.

Highway Division

The following roads were either Reconstructed or Resurfaced:

Andrews Isle	Main St. (South St. to Middle St.)
Chamberlain Run	Manor Drive
Colby Street	Merrymount Road
Eldridge Court	Pioneer Rd. (Liberty Pole to Cushing)
Fairview Street	Old Colony Road
Green Street	Rockwood Road
Leavitt St. (Main St. to Short St.)	Village Lane
Leonard Street	Water Street
Liberty Pole Road	Windsor Drive
Linscott Road	

Sidewalk Reconstruction:

Green Street
Main Street (Elm Street to the Center)

Maintenance Operations: Painted & marked, swept & cleaned 139 miles of Town owned roadways and 60 miles of sidewalks. Inspected and maintained 5,139 drainage structures and outfalls, install, repair, maintain 3100 traffic and street signs and maintain 5 sets of signal lights. .

Vehicle Maintenance: The new facility allows us to maintain the DPW, Transfer Station, and Sewer Department's equipment safely and more efficiently. This equipment includes 11 Dump Trucks w/ sanders and plows, 11 ¾ Ton Pickup Trucks w/ plows, 3 Sidewalk Plows, 4 Front End Loaders, 2 Backhoes, 2 Street Sweepers, 1 Bucket Truck, 1 Logging Material Handler, 1 Chipper, 10 Mowers, Chainsaws, and 2 Rollers. The DPW Shop also has maintained vehicles for the Board of Health, Assessors, Building Department, Bare Cove Park, and Town Hall.

Snow and Ice Control: 11" of snow, 2 Snowplow Operations, 6 Sanding Operations.

New Equipment: 2012 Chevrolet 2500 Pick-up truck with plow, 2013 Chevrolet 2500 Pick-up truck with plow, 2012 Chevrolet 1-Ton Dump Truck with plow, 2013 International 6 Wheel Dump truck with sander and plow,.

Tree and Park Division

Tree Plantings: 60
Tree Removals: 217
Trees Pruned: 1134

Special Projects/Maintenance:

The Tree and Park division of the DPW had several weather related incidents this past year which caused significant tree damage. Three microburst's which caused extensive damage in isolated areas of town and Superstorm "Sandy" which caused town wide tree damage. To minimize the damage from events like these, we have implemented an aggressive tree management plan to reduce the exposure of hazardous trees within the town. Hazardous tree removals and extensive pruning throughout the town has effectively minimized the incidents resulting from the storm damage. In the George Washington Town Forest, the on-going work of keeping the fire roads and trails opened and cleared of hazards make the trails more accessible and safe. After the completion of the capping of the Town's landfill, the DPW replanted King Cedar Field

in the Brewer Reservation to its original state of beauty with wild flowers and field grass.

The Tree and Park division also maintains 110 parks and traffic islands throughout the town and strives to constantly to make improvements with the assistance of other Town committees to which we extremely grateful. We also maintain in excess of 1,000 acres of open space and over 10,000 public shade trees. We also provide assistance to various committees, boards and departments within the Town. The DPW Tree & Park assisted the School Department with planting three (3) 6'-7' Leyland Cyprus trees at East School. This year we also provided assistance to Connor O'Brien on his Eagle Scout project which consisted of designing and planting 60 Blue Rug Junipers on the embankment of the Hingham Library. Our sincere congratulation's to Connor O'Brien on his Eagle project and his endeavor to beautify the Town of Hingham.

This year the Tree & Park planted 60 shade trees throughout the town.

The Garden Club of Hingham donated one (1) tree for Arbor Day, a 4" caliper Sycamore tree which was planted on the Cracker Barrel island at 613 Main Street on Arbor Day as part of the annual Arbor Day celebration. Hingham was named as a Tree City USA for the 24th time in recognition of the Town's strong commitment to caring for and protection of our public shade trees.

The Department of Public Works would like to express its sincere gratitude to the many hours the Shade Tree Committee provided assisting with the Arbor Day planting and other tree planting projects. Our staff's knowledge and experience is a great asset to the town and we would be happy to discuss any questions regarding the care and maintenance of trees and shrubs.

Recreation Division

The Recreation Division is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of athletic fields, tennis courts, recreation areas, playgrounds and other open spaces throughout the Town. The Recreation Division mows and maintains Pal Field, Haley Field, Center School Field, Hull Street Park and Field, Hersey Playground and Field, Bradley Woods Park and Kress Playground Park and Field, the harbor waterfront area and numerous other public grounds, areas and schools.

The Recreation Division also assists with maintenance improvement of public roads, drainage, trees and other Town property, and assists with

snow and ice control throughout the Town. This year the Recreation Division has teamed up with the Tree and Park division and has worked successfully together providing everyday maintenance to the Town's parks and facilities and most importantly in emergency situations that were storm related.

Hingham Trash Transfer and Recycling Facility

Last year we transferred 6,057 tons of household rubbish to the SEMASS trash to energy facility in Rochester and 997 tons of bulky waste and demolition to New England Recycling (NER) in Taunton to be recycled. Hingham residents recycled 2,621 tons of mixed recyclables, 3.798 tons of brush, logs and yard waste, 3.3 tons of tires, 2,050 gallons of motor oil, 198,432 pounds of electronics, and handled 278 cars with household hazardous waste. The Returnable Bottle-Can Program donated approximately 263,300 cans and 60,235 plastic bottles for an estimated total of \$16,686 to 25 different Hingham Youth Organizations for the year. The success of our recycling program provides relief from increasing waste disposal fees, benefits the environment and helps our youth organizations.

The Transfer Station scale weighs the trash and recyclables at the Transfer Station. The scale is also used to weigh commercial construction debris and has been a revenue source for the Transfer Station. In 2012, the revenue from the scale was \$50,419.26 which is ahead of schedule for the three year payoff. Transfer Station Permits (stickers) have been updated and changed from Red to Green.

With the installation of a vehicle counter, the Transfer Station accepts an average of 7100 cars per week.

With disposal costs projected to rise steadily in the future, the economic benefits of separation and recycling cannot be overemphasized. We urge residents to maximize their recycling efforts and to reduce waste disposal through separation, recycling and composting. The Department of Public Works is happy to answer any questions regarding recycling, composting, or use of the Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility.

Special Projects: The installation of a floor drain holding tank was completed in February 2012 for the Transfer Station's Recycling Building. Re-Opened Swap Shop in May 2012 in new location with a volunteer workforce to oversee the Swap Shop.

New Equipment: Aluminum Refuse Trailer

Interdepartmental

The DPW and the Sewer Department crews are now working out of the DPW building and are under the direction of the DPW Superintendent. This arrangement took place in July of 2011 and has allowed both departments to realize savings from sharing manpower and equipment. The consolidation has also allowed the DPW and Sewer Department to save in operating expenses and has allowed the DPW to use its workforce more efficiently. We will continue to do our best to meet our obligation to provide necessary and essential services for the Town of Hingham.

It is our commitment to keep the Town of Hingham looking its best at all times and working to restore or improve its historical value while keeping with the plans of the future. We are constantly striving to train and keep our staff as safe and efficient as possible.

On behalf of the Townspeople of Hingham, I would like express my sincere gratitude and commend all the employees of the Department of Public Works who sacrificed many long hours last winter to keep our roads safe and passable, and who are frequently called upon to work under adverse conditions dealing with weather related and other types of emergencies. I would also like to thank all of my office staff for keeping the Public Works Department Office operating in an efficient and professional manner.

I would like to give special thanks to the Sewer Commissioners, Michael Salerno, Ed Demko, Ed Monahan and the employees of the Sewer Department and DPW for the ongoing transition of leadership of the day to day operations. This arrangement has allowed both departments to be more efficient and cost effective.

We are happy to welcome new employees, Administrative Assistant, Donna DelRosso; Tree Climber, Jarrod Dansky; Heavy Equipment Operator, Michael Carlson; and Skilled Laborer, John Madden. Ed Hunnefeld moved to the DPW to fill a Motor Equipment repairman position and Jim Aftosmes moved to the Sewer Department as a Lead Mechanic. I would also like to give a special thanks to Sue Rust who has retired from the DPW. Sue worked in the DPW office as an Administrative Assistant for 7 years and we wish her well in retirement.

Randy Sylvester
DPW Superintendent

HINGHAM MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT

It is with great pleasure that I submit my report to the citizens of Hingham on behalf of the Lighting Board and the employees of the Lighting Plant. The Lighting Plant continues to provide a safe and reliable electric system to its customers due in large measure to the three person elected Light Board members who put policies and procedures in place with the long term best interests of Hingham businesses and residents in mind.

For the 2012 fiscal year the Light Board voted to transfer to the Town of Hingham a payment in lieu of taxes totaling \$492,972. To calculate the amount of the contribution we adopted the use of a formula which is tied to the amount of electricity purchased. To help the Town prepare their operating budget while we certify purchases we are currently committed to a base payment of \$450,000. When our final purchase number has been approved by our auditors we true up and make that year's final payment. These dollars help the Town maintain the high level of services the citizens of Hingham have come to expect and receive.

The Lighting Plant continues to support energy efficiency efforts at Town owned facilities. Our contributions did not end with paying for an audit report. We helped with financing lighting retrofits, equipment changeovers and improvements to heating and cooling equipment. It is expected those efforts have resulted in energy savings to the Town in the range of tens of thousands of dollars.

Our energy savings activities do not end with Town facilities. Our Hingham Is Going Green program has been existence for close to two years. The program's benefits closely mirror those offered by investor owned utilities. The huge difference between our program and theirs is in how it gets financed. Theirs gets paid for by assessing their customers on a per kWh fee. HMLP finances our program. We performed about 150 residential and commercial audits.

The Lighting Board has directed me to continue to search for opportunities to procure renewable energy sources that make sense from both an electrical and financial point of view. To that end we and several other municipal lighting plants bought the entire output of a wind farm in Woodstock Maine which went commercial in late 2012. The Spruce Mountain Wind Project consists of 10 2-megawatt (MW) turbines capable of producing more than 60 million kilowatt-hours of clean, emission-free, renewable energy per year— enough to power approximately 9,600 homes. Right now over 11% our electricity comes

from renewable sources of energy. The developer of the Spruce Mountain Project is close to siting additional turbines in the vicinity of the first ten. We are closely following the progress of this endeavor and, if it makes sense, we will happily sign on for more power. The Lighting Plant also works closely with the Town's Energy Action Committee in their work promoting responsible energy use in both public and private settings.

As of this writing our Auditor's report is not available for publication. When the 2012 report is certified it will be posted on our web site, as have your Annual Reports going back to 2002. It appears sales in 2012 were basically flat: 1% greater than 2011. The system peak load in 2012 was 52MW in July. This represents an almost 10% decrease over the previous all time peak which occurred in 2011.

The Lighting Plant continues to make both capital improvements and steadfastly maintains its electric distribution system. One of our most important missions is to "keep the lights on" and if they go out to "get them back on safely and quickly". 2012 was a year which tested our mettle in that regard. Due to the efforts of HMLP employees neither the snowfalls in the winter nor the dog days of summer brought significant problems to your electric system. The results of all our work best manifested in October when tropical storm Sandy and a no name nor'easter blew into Hingham. The office staff who answered your calls during that storm, the engineering support folks who diagnosed and dispatched field crews and the lineman all worked diligently to keep your lights on and get power back to those who were without. Several worked outside their traditional job functions while serving you. Our performance truly shined! If you have friends or family in neighboring towns you know this to be true. The lighting plant was literally fielding calls from radio, TV and print media asking how it was that everyone in little old Hingham "had their lights" by that evening while neighboring towns had hundreds and hundreds of people still without power days later.

The lighting plant continues to search for a suitable location to build an Operations Center to house administrative and operations personnel in a single location. To date our search is bringing us to the Bare Cove Park area.

Your Light Board is made up of three elected Hingham citizens, listed below, who volunteer their time and efforts to make the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant a public power company that Hinghamites should be proud of.



It is appropriate to thank the men and women of the Lighting Plant for their tireless hard work in making the system safe, reliable and for responding to customer requests in a timely manner. HMLP employees continue to be the single greatest asset of the lighting plant.

Walter A. Foskett, Chairman
John P. Ryan, Vice-Chairman
John A. Stoddard Jr., Secretary
Paul G. Heanue, General Manager

SEWER COMMISSION

In calendar 2012 transition continued to be a theme for the Sewer Department. While the composition of the Sewer Board remained the same with the re-election of Commissioner Michael Salerno in April, other changes in personnel occurred. After 25 years with the Department, Sewer Supervisor Jim Dow left Hingham to take advantage of other opportunities. Pump Station Operator Stephen Dempsey was appointed interim Supervisor in his absence. In addition, long time Sewer Department employee Ed Hunnefeld transferred to work directly for the DPW while DPW employee, Jim Aftosmes, took over Ed's position with the Sewer Department. These shifts in staffing are consistent with the goal of increasing efficiencies through cross-training to allow labor-sharing between departments. In addition to personnel changes, it was decided to physically move the administrative functions of the Sewer Commission to the DPW facility in Bare Cove Park in early 2013. This move is expected to allow for labor-sharing in the office as well as the field. DPW Superintendent Randy Sylvester estimates that a savings of over \$12,000 has been realized in vehicle maintenance alone during the year.

Transition, or the process of change, was evident in other facets of the Commission's sphere as well. Article 37 of the 2012 Town meeting unanimously approved the expansion of the Industrial/Office Park Sewer District. This is expected to "attract low-impact growth that has the potential to yield significant, long-term revenue for the Town". Article 38 dealt with the extension of the municipal sewer system to include the properties on Ship and Cottage Streets. The reasons for requesting this extension included "aging septic systems, the sanitary, environmental, and economic benefits of connecting to the sewer, the ability to bypass Title V, and the ability to make certain property modifications currently limited by the size of permitted septic systems". Town Meeting passed that Article with a two thirds standing vote and the Commission, through its engineers, proceeded to apply for the necessary DEP Sewer Extension Permit.

The upgrading of the operating systems of the grinder pumps in the Weir River Sewer District continued in 2012, and the final turnover of ownership of the systems to homeowners was completed.

While some aspects of the Sewer Department's organization, composition, and responsibilities have shifted, the department's key goals and objectives remain unchanged: to provide the best service at the most reasonable rates to its ratepayers. To that end the department

continued to up-grade its infrastructure with two new pumps at the South Street station and the rebuilding of one pump at the Broad Cove station. Repairs were made following a break on Kimball Beach Road. As always, pump stations were checked daily and flows in certain parts of the system were monitored.

Other areas of concern that have *not* changed are the excess inflow and infiltration (I/I) and the fats, oils, and grease (FOG) entering the system which cause excessive wastewater treatment and repair costs. These costs represent over 70% of the total Sewer Department budget and it is imperative to keep these costs in check in order to keep the sewer use rate down. Homeowners in the sewer districts who use sump pumps can aid the effort to reduce I/I by contacting the Commission to have their pumps checked. Any flow found entering the sewer system will be redirected, at **no cost to the property owner**. While there is a program to reduce or eliminate FOG from non-residential cooking establishments, individuals can help to alleviate this problem as well. The Sewer Commission requests that residents **refrain from putting any fatty substances into their drains**. Your assistance in these areas is greatly appreciated.

As always we want to thank our maintenance staff and our office staff for their dedication and hard work.

Michael A. Salerno, Chairman
Edmund Demko
Edward F. Monahan
Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent

FIRE DEPARTMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Hingham Fire Department responded to a total of 3874 emergency incidents during 2012. That includes 2045 Medical Related Incidents. A total of \$973,316 in Ambulance fees was collected. We provided mutual aid to our neighboring communities a total of 405 times. Our Mutual Aid Program remains strong and no fire department could survive without it. In addition we conduct several hundred inspections each year as well as public service calls and hydrant inspections.

We continue to apply for both Federal and State Grants.

During the year we were rated by the Insurance Services Organization (ISO). The ISO looks at the departments staffing, apparatus, equipment training and dispatching services. The survey is conducted once every 15 years. There was no change in our rating.

Our two satellite stations continue to be in need of significant upgrades and repairs. Although the overall structural integrity of the buildings is fine, there have been no upgrades of the building's electrical, heating and plumbing systems since they were constructed in 1942. The buildings are also in need of roof work, gutters, windows as well as painting. Members of the department continue to provide a large amount of the repair work necessary to maintain the buildings and have saved the town thousands of dollars. I highly commend them for their efforts.

Hingham was impacted by a late season Tropical Storm on October 29th. Overall the town reacted very well to the effects of the storm and services to the community were restored quickly. Our Municipal Light Department and Department of Public Works worked very hard during and after the event. I am pleased to report that Hingham will receive 75% reimbursement from FEMA that will cover storm related costs including cleanup.

Our Annual Local Emergency Planning Committee Table Top Exercise took place on November 14th. This is an annual event where all of the town's senior staff as well as the Board of Selectmen meet to discuss and review our emergency operations plans and procedures. Over 40 town officials attend this year's meeting which concentrated on hurricanes.

In 2012 we placed an order for two new ambulances with delivery expected in the spring of 2013. The department currently operates two

Advance Life Support Ambulances 24/7. We also maintain a spare ambulance which is used to replace an ambulance that is undergoing repairs and can be placed in service during high incidence times.

The department continues to downsize our Municipal Fire Alarm Systems with the goal of completely eliminating them in the next two years. Although the systems have served the community's needs well in the past, the systems are antiquated, as well as difficult and costly to maintain.

Work continues on the South Shore Regional Emergency Communication Center which includes Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Norwell. The fire chief's from the four communities continue to meet on a regular basis to discuss issues involving its operation and to make improvements where needed. Overall, I am pleased with its operation and look forward to additional communities joining in. The ability to provide medical instructions over the telephone to citizens in need of medical care prior to the arrival of medical personnel is one of its many advantages.

Again I urge everyone to make sure you have working Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Alarms in every level of your home. Unfortunately, carbon monoxide incidents are on the rise. Carbon monoxide is known as the "Secret Killer." We frequently find homes with carbon monoxide levels that are unsafe. A simple and inexpensive detector can prevent a tragedy. Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years and carbon monoxide detectors every seven years. Should you require assistance with installation or replacement, please call us.

The department lost two of its retired members during the year. Fire Lt. "Bunkie" Kehoe passed away in April and Master Mechanic Peter Wilson passed away in August. Both of these members served the community with distinction when they were active members of the department and they continued to strongly support the community during their retired years.

I thank all the town departments, boards and committees we work with for their excellent cooperation, assistance and support.

Mark Duff
Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director

POLICE DEPARTMENT

We continue to witness a period of transition and embrace the challenges of change. Sgt. David Jones and Patrolman Corey Farina were promoted to Lieutenant and Ryan O'Shea was promoted to Sergeant. Patrolmen Roland Simonelli retired this past year, we wish him well and thank him for his service to the Town of Hingham. We welcome newly appointed Officers Terrance Low and Michael Bologna whom successfully completed the Municipal Police Academy and Field Training Program. We welcome them to our police family. This is the first time in twelve years that the Hingham police Department is fully staffed with 50 police officers.

I am happy to report that Patrolman John Marquadt is back from serving our country in Afghanistan. Officer Marquadt earned the Purple Heart during his deployment. We are happy John is back and safe serving the Town of Hingham.

While the economy continues to affect all of us, the impact here in our town has resulted in 18,927 calls for service. We attribute some calls to service growth, development in Hingham, drug abuse and the economy. Ongoing development of the Hingham Shipyard, South Shore Industrial Park, and Linden Ponds along with other growth in town has inevitably increased the demands for service. This past year, Hingham continued to experience an increase in residential house breaks which we attribute to the growing drug addiction problem plaguing the South Shore. Many of the people charged with these crimes have addiction problems associated with heroin and opiates. As a police department we took an active role becoming an active member in the Old Colony Police Anti-Crime Task Force (OCPAC). OCPAC is comprised of 15 communities within Plymouth County. Being part of OCPAC allows for shared resources in the area of personnel, vehicles, intelligence, and equipment to better protect the lives, safety, and property of Hingham citizens. Working with OCPAC has enabled Hingham Police to prosecute those committing crimes within our community.

The South Shore Regional Communications Center is now complete with the towns Cohasset, Hull and Norwell. This dispatch center has state of the art technology enabling us to provide our residents with effective service by allowing our officers to have the ability to have on-board real time access to information, making them more effective. It also increases their safety in the cruiser by having computers which facilitate safer and more efficient police work. This has resulted in a commensurate capital cost savings to our residents of over \$700,000.00.

In the upcoming years, we look to even greater savings with the addition of more communities to this Center.

2011 saw Harbormaster Ken Corson and his assistants utilizing their newest equipment, a patrol boat secured as a result of a regional Homeland Security Port Grant with the cities of Quincy and Weymouth. Due to ongoing efforts of the Harbormaster, the mooring fields are complete in both the inner and outer harbor, enabling more boaters to take advantage of mooring their boats here in Hingham waters.

Animal Control Officer Leslie Badger remains busy due in part to our collaboration with the Town of Hull. As part of a mutual aid pact, Leslie works in Hull for 10 hours a week and Hingham is reimbursed by the Town of Hull for her services.

In the face of all the demands on our police department, I am pleased to report that our community policing programs remain strong. We reinstated the School Resource Officer position at Hingham High School. Officer Tom Ford has that position and also spends time at the elementary schools teaching safety classes. Our D.A.R.E. program completed its 19th year in our schools; our Neighborhood Watch and Designator Driving programs meet continued success. In addition, we completed our 42nd^h Citizens Police Academy class as well as our R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense). I thank those officers and speakers who participated in these programs to make it a community policing success.

As part of that success, our Hingham Citizen Police Academy Alumni group likewise remains a strong source of support for such programs as Family Fun Day, D.A.R.E. Hockey and Basketball games, Drug Collection Day and their donations for various Police Department programs contributing to the success of our mission. The HCPAA also funded the medicine collection box located in the police station lobby.

I have enjoyed working actively with the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, Advisory Board, Capital Outlay, Personnel Board and other Town departments in carrying out our mission. I look forward to a continued successful relationship with them in the future. Deputy Chief Glenn Olsson, has been my partner in directing this year of change. Together, we continue to seek grant opportunities and explore different ways to maintain excellent police service to our citizens of Hingham and the public in general.

Michael J. Peraino
Chief of Police

TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION

Persons Injured/Killed in Motor Vehicle Crashes 2012

Fatal.....	1
MVC with Injury.....	85
MVC with No Injury.....	733
Total Motor Vehicle Crashes.....	819

Other Facts

Busiest Hours for Motor Vehicle Crashes.....	5-6pm, 2-3pm, 3-4pm
Busiest Street for Crashes.....	Derby St. (124)
Town of Hingham (Square Miles).....	23
Town of Hingham Road Miles.....	131
Town of Hingham State Highways (Routes 3, 3A, 53, 228).....	4
Motor Vehicles Registered in Hingham (As of 12/31/12).....	18,791

Motor Vehicle Citations Issued 2012

Warnings (No Fine).....	2,498
Civil (Fine).....	1,340
Criminal/Arrests (From MV Stops).....	336
Total.....	4,174

Parking Tags Issued 2012

Parking Tags.....	848
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Motor Vehicle Crashes Facts and Figures 2012

<u>Year</u>	<u>MV Crashes</u>	<u>Fatals</u>	<u>MVC with Injuries</u>
2008	447	4	119
2009	473	0	98
2010	838*	1	93
2011	803*	2	82
2012	819*	1	85

*This figure includes all crashes documented and/or investigated in Hingham (except on Route 3) including crashes that were reported after the fact, minor off road (such as parking lots) and minor crashes where officers responded.

HARBORMASTER

This year we had the pleasure of operating our new 31' Safe Boat called "Marine 1", which was awarded through our Federal Port Security Grant application. This vessel will serve and protect our community for many years. Our community has the benefit of several new tools on board to serve the boating public. Forward looking infrared cameras work both during the day and night to produce an image based on the heat emitted by different objects. This is extremely beneficial to us in many situations, for example, if we were looking for a person in the water and they were obscured by the glare of the sun, they would be visible using this camera. A fire monitor mounted on the bow is fed by a three cylinder diesel engine that puts out over 600 gallons of water per minute. This engine can also dewater vessels, removing a significant amount of water from a vessel in a very short period of time. This boat offers a platform capable of responding to calls even in the most challenging weather conditions; and allows your Harbormasters to respond to emergency calls and conduct routine harbor management activities with the most fuel efficient engines on the market.

The boating season was kicked off with the first Annual Touch-A-Boat event at the Town Pier on Saturday May 19th. This family event was held at the beginning of National Safe Boating week to promote the use of PFD's and safety on the water. Our Harbormaster boats were open to board and children could ask questions of the Harbormaster. Several activities took place including a life vest "fashion show" and knot tying station run by the Boy Scouts. A special thanks goes to Friends of Hingham Harbor for the idea and event planning. The picture below is the Harbormaster staff and event participants all wearing their Personal Floatation Devices. Harbormaster Kenneth Corson is in the middle holding Lila Ferguson.



During the month of November we participated in the 24-hour Urban Shield Event in Boston Harbor with Marine 1. Two Harbormaster crews along with Firefighters and Police Officers responded to staged scenarios including: a vessel with numerous sick and uncooperative passengers; an aground and sinking commuter vessel; and advanced boat handling where a high value asset received protection and a target of interest was intercepted. This was a beneficial joint operations mission for all three public safety departments to work together to achieve a common mission of public service. Experience working with our port partners was gained. Should we be called upon to assist our port partners, or need to respond to a situation in our waterways, we can provide the best services to our community and the boating public.



One of the priorities of this department has been to improve public access to the harbor. For many years we have been receiving requests from boaters for a public dinghy dock to access the Inner Harbor Mooring Basin. In early spring, docks donated by the United States Coast Guard the previous year were repaired and improved by town resident John Thomas to meet this need. After approval by the Board of Selectmen, they were launched in the early spring and the ten locations were quickly filled from the wait list.



In the early months of 2012 Coastal Zone Management funded our grant for a Shore Base Pumpout Station and it was fully constructed by the end of the summer. A sewer line was installed from 3 Otis Street to the town pier and a pump station was installed below ground. An electric peristaltic pump located next to the dinghy dock pumps the waste out of the vessels' holding tank and up to the pump station, which sends it directly to the town sewer. This will eliminate the trip out of town to offload our Pumpout boat, enabling us to spend more time pumping out vessels in our waters. The station is also available to the general public to pump their vessel during daylight hours free of charge. (The pump is located under the white box and the dinghies are to the right.)



Over 1300 mooring/docking permits were issued this year through the Online Mooring program. Applicants for wait list, mooring/docking permits and mooring rentals have the benefit of an online mooring management service to submit applications, pay their fee via credit card, and monitor their position on the wait list.

Your Harbormaster and Assistant Harbormasters are honored to be the waterfront representatives of Hingham. Our commitment to people's safety and enjoyment of Hingham's waters is foremost. We are always open to questions and suggestions. We can be emailed at harbormaster@hingham-ma.com. If you have an emergency dial 911, if you need immediate assistance please call public safety dispatch at 781-749-1212, otherwise our business line, 781-741-1450.

Sincerely,
Kenneth R. Corson III
Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable
Custodian of the Islands

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

The Traffic Committee exists to assist Hingham residents and business owners with ways to alleviate traffic concerns in all areas of the Town. The Traffic Committee does not have the power to implement changes but rather recommends proposals to the Board of Selectmen.

The issue of handicap parking on Shipyard Drive was discussed and subsequently a space was installed adjacent to Hingham Beerworks. Although the Shipyard had originally been in compliance with the number of handicap parking spaces in the complex, the existing spaces may not have been convenient for all who shop there. This additional space will improve the situation from both a safety and convenience standpoint.

South Street residents presented a petition signed by 44 residents of South Street and South Lane requesting that signs be posted to slow the speed of drivers in their neighborhood. After conducting a speed study, it was determined that vehicles were not travelling at an excessive rate of speed. Instead, "Thickly Settled" signs were installed near South Shore Country Club and prior to Forget Me Not Lane. "Thickly Settled" signs indicate that the speed limit is an enforceable 30 MPH.

A crosswalk with pedestrian sign was also installed at that location since it was determined that there had not previously been a sign posted at the crosswalk near Forget Me Not Lane.

North Street residents requested that signs be installed in the vicinity of the Lincoln statue and St. Paul's School. A speed study was conducted by Sgt. Dearth and results showed that the average speed travelled was 24 MPH which is below the speed limit of 30 MPH. A fog line will be added by the DPW to delineate the area for safety purposes but that must be done in the Spring of 2013. The School Department will be contacted regarding the relocation of the bus stop. It was noted that the intersection is not in the Top 10-15 High Accident Locations. The estimated cost to redesign the intersection would be \$100,000-\$200,000 according to Harry Sylvester of DPW.

Results of the Yearly Comparison of Crash Locations was presented by Sgt. Dearth. This study shows the intersections with the highest number of crashes for each year. The five intersections with the most crashes are State roads: Summer Street at the Rotary, Whiting/Derby/Gardner, Otis/Summer/North, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy./East Street (3A & 228) and Lincoln/Downer/Thaxter/Broad Cove Road. Number 6 is a Town

controlled road which is Main/Cushing/S. Pleasant Street. A letter was sent to Mass. Department of Transportation suggesting that striping, Lane markers and signage be added to assist in clarifying the situation for drivers entering and exiting the Rotary and therefore improve safety for all motorists on Rte. 3A.

The Traffic Committee continued to monitor the accident occurrences at the intersection of Main Street and Cushing Street in 2012. Based on available data, there have been 6 accidents which occurred there. One of the accidents was not witnessed in terms of a police response but in the interest of completeness, we include it as part of the data collection that we have. The situation at the intersection is essentially static, however the Traffic Committee notes that a subcommittee specifically tasked with examining this intersection is due to convene and take an additional look at previous findings, consider any new submissions from residents and report accordingly. Once again, the Traffic Committee thanks the citizens of Hingham for their ongoing interest in suggesting ways to improve the free and efficient flow of traffic and pedestrian movement within the streets and on sidewalks of Hingham.

Should a resident or merchant have a topic to bring before the Traffic Committee, they should make a written request to the Board of Selectmen, cc: Chief Michael Peraino, Hingham Police Department. Questions regarding traffic issues can be addressed to Sgt. Steven Dearth, Traffic Sergeant, Hingham Police Department, 781-804-2205.

Chief Michael J. Peraino, Chairman
Represented by Sgt. Steven Dearth
Chief Mark Duff
Represented by Lt. John Haley
Harry Sylvester, Department of Public Works
Paul Healey, Planning Board
Scott Peterson, Esquire
James Costello
Daniel Zivkovich

HINGHAM AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

The Hingham Affordable Housing Trust was created by a Town Warrant Article in 2007. The Trust is one of several state-authorized affordable housing trusts that work with Massachusetts and Town agencies to preserve existing housing opportunities and increase future housing for low and moderate-income persons. Increasing the stock of affordable housing benefits many different constituencies, including Town employees without the resources to live in the Town they serve, older Hingham residents on fixed incomes, former residents seeking to return to Town, young adults raised in Hingham but unable to afford a Hingham residence, and other persons with a stake in the community and a desire to live in it. To this end, the Trust co-sponsored the 2008 article that authorized the Town's purchase of Lincoln School Apartments. The Trust is the sole member of LSA, LLC, and appoints two members to the Board of Managers.

The Trustees are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and include one member of that Board. The Trust has a range of powers, including the power to receive money and property and to undertake projects to improve affordable housing opportunities in Hingham. The Trust's mission statement is as follows:

- **The Trust seeks to preserve affordable housing through a variety of means which will benefit both current and potential new residents.**
- **The Trust will propose, support and develop affordable housing that contributes positively to the character of the town, considering both Hingham's history and its future.**
- **The Trust will engage in education and advocacy with the goal of promoting the diversity of Hingham's population.**

The Trust was advised in mid 2009 that the Amego property at 80 Beal Street was for sale. This site was a former group home and includes approximately three acres of land abutting the selectmen's parcel on Beal Street. A joint decision by the selectmen and the Trust was made to purchase this property to develop affordable housing. The Trust issued

an RFP for design, engineering and permitting services for this property. A Hingham firm, Strekalovsky Architects was awarded the contract. The Trust submitted and obtained approval for a LIP application, a Local Initiative Program Application from the state, including a request for a local preference. With the approval of the Department of Housing and Development the Trust submitted a 40B application with the Zoning Board of Appeals to develop the site. The ZBA approved the 40B application. The Trust then issued an RFP to develop the project and selected a developer. A purchase and sale agreement was signed and the Trust anticipates a closing early in 2013.

The Trust appreciates the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen, the Community Preservation Committee, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as other Town boards and officials. The Trust also appreciates input and assistance from Town citizens, all of whom are welcome to attend its meetings. Finally the Trust regretfully accepted the resignation of long time member and former chair Jim O'Brien, whose commitment and passion the Trust will miss immensely. Please visit the link to our website at the Town of Hingham at <http://hingham-ma.gov>.

Tim White, Chair
Kevin Connelly
Patrick Gaughen
Nancy Kerber
Dan Jacobson

Laura Burns
Susan Crowley
Rev. Gary Ludwig
Peter Vanderweil

Necia O'Neill - Administrative Secretary

BARE COVE PARK COMMITTEE

The Bare Cove Park Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at Town Hall. Hingham's website has information about the Park, including minutes, a printable map, dog etiquette and regulation of activity, a photo gallery, Committee members and history. Find agendas published at Town Hall and on-line in the Events Calendar.

Winter was mild, summer heat came early; storms were gentler than in '11. Park Ranger Scott McMillan is truly the heart of the Park, maintaining the 484 acres year-round, always with an eye for visitors' safety and enjoyment. Donated labor and materials gave the Triangle Garden, tended by Barb Nic-

osia, new fencing at its 3 points.

**BARE COVE PARK IS
NOT A "DOG PARK"**

Required to Walk Dogs here:

- All dogs leashed upon entrance/exit, between your vehicle and yellow lines near all gates..... \$50 fine
- Dogs must wear current rabies/license tags..... \$50 fine
- Dog waste must be picked up and properly disposed of..... \$50 fine
- Owner must carry a leash* for each dog (*electronic collar is not a substitute)..... \$50 fine
- Dogs must be under control and in sight at all times..... \$50 fine
- Dogs may not trespass on private property..... \$50 fine
- Dogs may not disturb other Park visitors, neighbors, or wildlife..... \$50 fine

Fines are cumulative, and apply for each dog involved.
Owners are personally liable for any damage or injury caused by their dog.

In January, the Committee posted new 2' x 2' signs, in plain sight at both the two entrance and the two emergency-access gates, clarifying acceptable behavior by dog owners. The rules aren't new, but the new – and cumulative – \$50 fines gave them some "teeth". ACO Leslie Badger and visitors report that dog owners' behavior in the Park has improved from 2010 and 2011.

Visit www.hingham-ma.gov/barecove/DogRules.html

Hingham SEPAC held their first "Fun Run/Walk" in the northwest side from Beal St. in April, and plans to hold the event in the Park again in May 2013.

Near the 68th anniversary of the explosion on the YF-415 in 1944, private funds placed a memorial stone at the Dock House for Depot sailors who were lost at sea back then. Hingham Veterans' Agent Keith Jermyn led the service and Color Guard. The US Naval Reserve Center in Quincy provided Color Guard personnel.



Remembering HNAD sailors lost on May 11th, 1944.

HHS students held two Community Service projects at the Park in May – one benefiting the Scituate Animal Shelter, the other for a fellow student diagnosed with cancer. On June 3rd, the HHS Rowing Association hosted a Novice Regatta for area high school crew teams on the Back River.

Ranger Scott opened the *Hingham Naval Ammunition Depot Memorabilia Display* at the Dock House to visitors once-a-month from April through October. In June, former Committee Chair Brooks Robbins took a group of Allerton House residents on a tour of the Park and the Dock House.



Beth Benoit (650) and Old Derby Animal Hospital have sponsored our 5-mile race from the beginning.

Our 5th annual Marathon Sports ***End of Summer Classic Road Race*** on August 24th was another successful and fun event. \$6,161 net proceeds were donated to *The Friends of Bare Cove Park* gift account. The runners were delighted with this year's post-Race festivities, held

under the tent at the South Shore Country Club. Many thanks to John Childs, his *Old Colony Running Events* team, sponsors, and volunteers! Proceeds from previous years' Races allowed the Committee to spend the almost \$20,000 required to complete some long overdue re-grading work in the main parking lot, along with paving and striping, this summer.

Derby Academy's Cross Country team continues to train here, and to call Bare Cove Park "Home" for their Fall meets. On Nov 4th, over 60 people enjoyed the Hingham Land Trust-sponsored "walk" from the Town-jewel Triangle Garden out to Indian Point and back, led by former Chairman Ron Clough; many attended the Open House at another gem, the Bare Cove Fire Museum, afterward. A light snowfall on December 1st dusted Boy Scouts during their overnight camping event in the Park.

Bare Cove Park is a wildlife sanctuary and a place for public recreation. It offers an exceptional area of river shoreline, wetland, open fields, dense woods, and diverse animal and plant life. Come on over any day between dawn and dusk – it's simply amazing!

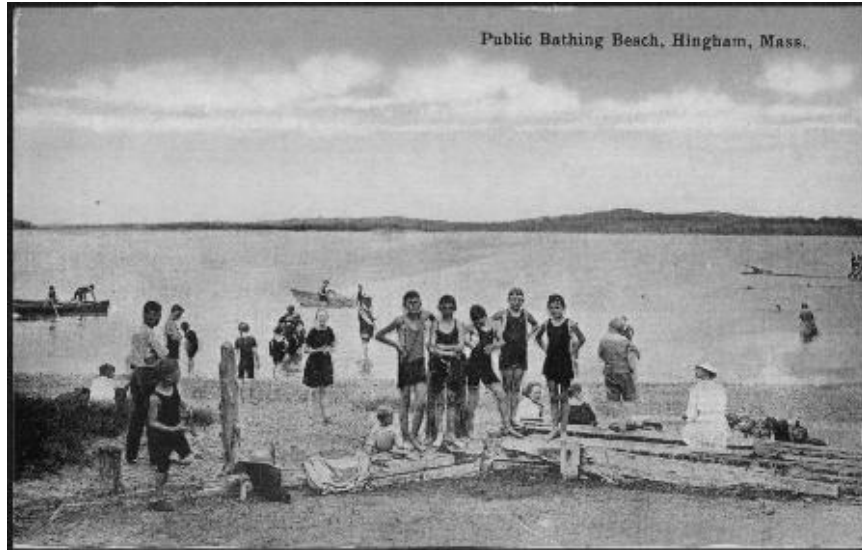
Committee: Patti Coyle (Chair), Chuck Harvey (Vice-Chair), Brian O'Leary (Sec'y), Ted Matthews (Treas), Tom Burbank, Peter Cotter, Eric LeClair, Jim O'Hare (resigned in Sep.), Joe Roper, Bob Smaldone (joined in Sep.).

TRUSTEES OF THE BATHING BEACH

The Trustees of the Bathing Beach would like to thank all those who have helped to make our past season so successful. The summer's beautiful weather brought many to the beach to enjoy what the Harbor has to offer: swimming, picnicking and the peaceful views.

We are now putting all our energies into fixing the erosion, starting a paddle sport rental concession and redeveloping the Bathhouse into a seasonal snack shop and Bathhouse.

Joan Williams
Edward Johnson
Alan Perrault



Circa: Late 1920's. From the Public Library's Postcard Collection

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

The Hingham Beautification Commission completed its 8th work season in early December when its members decorated the South Street planters with hand-cut greens prior to the Christmas in the Square celebration.

All summer long, eight dedicated members cared for numerous garden sites and planters around town adding beauty and color to the streetscape. In its 8th year, the HBC remains strong in its mission.

Currently, it maintains ten garden sites, most with multiple planting beds, and several street containers. This, in spite of many challenges, including weather, traffic damage and financial. Orchestrating the maintenance is highly dependent on the invaluable assistance of the Department of Public Works for which we are very grateful.

The Town has established the Hingham Beautification Commission "Gift Account" to which donations can be made by local businesses and individuals who wish to support this effort. It is administered through the office of the Town Treasurer.

Alyce Nobis, Chairman
Patricia Bray
Rose Durkin
Jerry Elsdén

Maura Graham
Dottie Manganaro
Laura Spaziani
Margaret Taylor



Rosemarie Durkin, Laura Spaziani, Margaret Taylor, Jerry Elsdén, Alyce Nobis, Patricia Bray, Dorothy Manganaro, Shirley Rydell

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In April 2012, the Board of Selectmen approved the transfer of the operation of Government access television, channel 9 on Comcast and channel 30 on Verizon, to the Hingham Community Access & Media Corporation ("H-CAM"), effective in May 2012. In May, the Board of Selectmen entered into a supplemental agreement with H-CAM, prepared by the Committee, providing additional funding to H-CAM for the programming and operation of the Government channel and spelling out H-CAM's additional obligations to the Town. Funding for H-CAM's programming and operation of the Government channels is provided by operational support payments made to the Town by Comcast and Verizon as part of their franchise agreements with the Town. The franchise agreements require both companies to make payments to the Town in the amount of 4.2 percent of their Hingham cable revenues for operational support of Public, Educational, and Government ("PEG") Access cable television. This money can only be used to support PEG Access cable television, and is not available for the General Fund.

The Committee continued its study of the feasibility of installing robotic cameras in the School Committee Meeting Room in Town Hall, in order to facilitate the broadcast of School Committee meetings, most of which are held in that room. After some experience broadcasting meetings in this room using portable studio equipment, the Committee determined that the best results for the filming and broadcast of meetings in this room could be achieved if robotic cameras were installed in the room. However, because of the location and size of the room, it presented a challenge with respect to the placement of robotic cameras and associated equipment. With the assistance of H-CAM, bids were solicited, and the new robotic equipment was installed in the fall. This equipment supports both live broadcast of meetings and recording of the meetings for future broadcast. The robotic equipment is more cost-efficient because only one person is required to broadcast and record meetings using that equipment, whereas additional persons are needed when portable studio equipment is used. School Committee meetings, as well as the Selectmen's meetings, are broadcast on the Government channel, Comcast Channel 10 and Verizon Channel 30.

During the summer, three new studio cameras were installed in the Hingham High School studio, for use by the Educational cable channel, Channel 22 on Comcast and Channel 29 on Verizon. This equipment replaces three old and outdated studio cameras, one of which was no longer operational, which are used for the productions in the Educational channel studio. Two new backdrop curtains to replace old ones and an

updated computer for editing programming were also purchased for the Educational channel. Cable operational support funds were also used to fund two television production classes at Hingham High School and to operate the Educational Channel over the summer.

Sandra Peavey, Chair
Eric Connerly
Joshua Gates
John Rice
Robert Kirk, H-CAM Rep.
Katy Gallagher-Wooley, School Rep.
Kate Richardsson, Government Channel Rep.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Nine members comprise the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) – one each appointed by and from the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, the Historical Commission, the Housing Authority and the Board of Selectmen, and four citizens at large, two appointed by the Board of Selectmen and two by the Moderator. The Committee reviews applications submitted by town bodies and citizens at large for funding projects involving preservation of historic resources, creation of low and moderate income housing, acquisition of open space and recreation. The CPC makes recommendations to Town Meeting regarding the use of the Town's Community Preservation Fund for those purposes. The CPC is assisted by Town Engineer, Roger Fernandes, to provide technical oversight on construction projects and assistance in analyzing grant requests. Carol Costello, Administrative Assistant to the Town Engineer, provides administrative support to the CPC on a part-time basis.

The Town's Community Preservation Fund is composed of a 1.5% surtax on Town real estate taxes effective beginning July 1, 2001, State matching grants payable each October 15th based on the surtax revenues for the fiscal year ending the prior June 30th, and interest on the accumulated funds. The total amount that will have been collected by the Fund through June 30, 2012 is approximately \$10,914,580 including a total of \$4,215,297 in State matching funds. The Community Preservation Act requires that at least 10% of each year's Community Preservation revenues be spent or set aside for each of the three Community Resource categories, i.e., Historic Preservation, Community Housing, and Open Space. The remaining 70% is available for spending

on any one or more of the categories, including recreational projects, as the Committee and Town Meeting see fit.

The CPC reviewed 14 projects in 2012 with a total request for more than \$7,500,000. After due diligence the Committee recommendations to the Advisory Board and the Board of Selectmen included: 3 open space projects, 6 historic projects and 1 administrative allocation. For the second year, the CPC did not receive any affordable housing requests. As required by the CPA legislation, 10% of this year's receipts were allocated to a reserve for future affordable housing projects. A total of \$2,399,000 was recommended and approved by the 2012 Annual Town Meeting for the following projects.

Open Space Acquisitions include:

- The completion of a pedestrian bridge connecting the Whitney Wharf Park and the Town Pier.
- Acquisition of over 40 acres of land in South Hingham. The 31.5 acre Accord Brook Parcel, on Main Street is adjacent to the Middle School and streams feeding the Town water supply as well as another 9 acres on Scotland Street that completed a natural preserve of conservation land as well a providing further protection for the wetlands and water supply of the Town.



Accord Brook Parcels Acquired by CPC for Open Space

Historic preservation projects include the following:

- Structural stabilization of the Cordage Factory Head House located behind Town Hall
- Painting and exterior restoration of Tree and Park Barn on Short Street.
- Grants were recommended for the Town Historical Collection Master Plan.
- Cemetery restorations are recommended to replace the wrought iron fence at the Hingham Center Cemetery and to preserve Veterans' headstones at the Liberty Plain Cemetery on Main Street.



Hingham Center Cemetery

Finally, an administrative allocation was made to cover staff and operating costs such as the independent professional appraisals being conducted on the Accord Brook and Scotland Street acquisitions.

The Committee wishes to thank William Reardon for his many contributions to Community Preservation serving as member, Vice Chair and Chair. The Committee welcomes new members Matt Zieper and Frank Jones, who chairs the Recreation Commission. Finally deep appreciation and thanks is extended to Andrea Young, who has relinquished her role as CPC administrator to focus more time on the administration of the Historical Commission and the Hingham Historic Districts Commission.

Community Preservation Committee Members

Dan Coughlin, Chair (*Conservation Commission Rep*)

Bob Curley, Vice Chair (*Historical Commission Rep*)

Frank Jones (*Selectmen Appt*)

Kathleen Peters (*Selectmen Appt*)

L. Bruce Rabuffo (*Selectmen Rep*)

Gary Tondorf-Dick (*Planning Board Rep*)

James R. Watson (*Housing Auth. Appt*)

Sally Weston (*Moderator Appt*)

Mathew Zieper (*Moderator Appt.*)

Roger Fernandes, Town Engineer

Carol Costello, CPC Admin

COUNTRY CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Country Club Management Committee (CCMC) is pleased to submit this annual report for calendar year 2012.

Below is an overview of our current operations:

A. Golf Operation

This operation continues to be the cornerstone of the South Shore Country Club ("SSCC"). The golf operation is the largest portion of the SSCC expense budget; it also is our main revenue source. The CCMC plans to continue to invest in the golf operation (we have bunker renovations, cart path improvements and course maintenance in our proposed five-year capital plan) in anticipation of continued revenue growth in this area of our operation.

B. Pool:

Recognizing the recreational benefits provided to the Town by the SSCC's pool facilities, the CCMC plans to continue to maintain and operate the SSCC pool facilities. Our swim team has been revitalized and participation has increased along with improved swim lesson offerings available to our members. We have also installed a pool heater to lengthen the swimming season. Through restructuring of our arrangement with the pool operator (YMCA) and improvements in the services provided, along with cosmetic enhancements to the pool complex, we are now able to operate the pool on a better than "break even" financial basis. This makes the pool a financially viable contributor to the SSCC's future business.

C. Bowling:

The bowling alley represents a positive recreational opportunity for individuals of all ages. In the summer of 2011, the SSCC acquired the bowling alley operation, rebranded it and commenced operating the business currently known as "The Alley". In our first few months of operation, we completed a renovation of the facility and upgraded the equipment. Activity in the "Alley" increases considerably in the Fall and Winter months, when the golf course business slows down. Leagues are scheduled in the mornings, afternoons and evenings throughout the week. And, with the new bowling operations manager focusing on business development, there are children's parties, adult and corporate parties now using the bowling facilities and party room. We anticipate that our candlepin bowling operation will be a significant contributor to the SSCC's recreational offering and revenues in years to come.

D. Restaurant and Catering:

In 2009, the CCMC entered into a ten-year lease agreement with Raffael's for the operation of our food and beverage operation facilities. Pursuant to this agreement, before opening, Raffael's completed a major renovation of both ballrooms and the "Greenside Grille" and installed a permanent outdoor seasonal tent. This year the large ballroom was repainted and additional renovation work was completed. The renovations and the tent, as well as a new beverage cart, group bowling and indoor golf parties have created additional revenue streams for the SSCC. We expect these revenue streams to continue, and to be supplemented by revenue sharing and additional rental income, as per the agreement.

E. Golf Simulators

In the fall of 2010, the SSCC entered into a revenue sharing program with Evergreen Golf for the use of two "state of the art" golf simulators and the SSCC began our new venture "The Tour". This required a major renovation of our warehouse. The space was transformed into a new revenue generating area that includes the simulators and a Sports Pub with Flat screen televisions. In the first year of operation "The Tour" recovered our renovation costs. This new space is ideal for year round daily play along with parties. Based on the initial success of the first two simulators, a third simulator was installed, in the fall of 2011.

F. Tennis

The SSCC has three asphalt tennis courts that are open to the public year-round. We are currently considering alternatives to improve our tennis operations and revenues that would warrant further investment in this portion of our business.

The Country Club Management Committee

Paul Casey

Terence Clarke

Kathleen Curley

William Friend

Kerry Ryan

DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

The Hingham Development and Industrial Commission has been involved in many projects over the last several years, including the restoration of downtown Hingham in the wake of the Greenbush Tunnel construction, the economic revitalization of the area, the reconstruction of the Station Street parking lot, and the underground wiring of certain areas of North Street.

In 2012, the Commission was particularly focused on development in the Hingham Industrial Park, wayfaring signage and public transportation. Early in the year, the HDIC researched and advocated for Town Meeting passage of a warrant that would allow the Town to apply for "Priority Development Area" status under Chapter 43D of the Massachusetts State Laws, for the Hingham Industrial Park. The criteria for the application was that the Town agreed to an expedited permitting process for future development in the Park that would insure that the Town permitting process would be complete within 180 days of receipt of a completed application. The benefits of creating such a district are numerous, including increased commercial/industrial development in an area of underutilization and priority status for State public works and infrastructure grant awards. Town Meeting agreed with the recommendation of the HDIC and voted to allow the Town to apply.

Throughout the rest of 2012, the Commission has worked to complete the application for the development of the District and plans to apply to the Commonwealth by April, 2013.

Another area of importance for the HDIC in 2012 was a joint effort with the Hingham Historical Commission and the Downtown Association to develop Wayfaring Signage for the Town. The goal of the signage is to direct out of town visitors to Hingham's downtown area and to our local historical places of interest. Working cooperatively with consultants funded under a State Technical Assistance Grant Program, the two Commissions have agreed upon a Wayfaring Sign Program that will shortly be brought before the Town Board of Selectmen for discussion and approval.

Ongoing work for the HDIC in 2012 included:

- Efforts to finalize the underground wiring connections and removal of the lightposts on North Street between Station Street and the Harbor.

- Continued discussions with the MBTA to alter the 220 Bus Route to Hingham to include intermittent service to the West Hingham Train Station. The Commission was hopeful that this would happen in 2012, however, the MBTA's financial issues caused any changes to be placed on hold.
- Discussions with the owners of numerous properties in downtown Hingham that are in various stages of development. Updates were provided throughout the year on the status of the Lincoln Building in Hingham Square, the Walsh and Packard site on South Street, and the Settles Glass site on North Street. The Commission will continue to meet with these owners and others during 2013 to encourage and promote economic growth and development .
- Longstanding support for the Hingham Farmer's Market. The HDIC is pleased that the Market continued to thrive and grow in 2012.

Moving forward in 2013, the HDIC intends to finalize the 43D process and when the application is accepted by the Commonwealth, work closely with other Town Departments and Commissions to use the creation of this district to spur development, drive infrastructure improvements and increase our commercial tax base.

We also look forward to moving the Wayfaring Signage Program from the conceptual to the actual, and to affecting the change in MBTA service to include West Hingham Station. We also intend to play a strong role in insuring the continued vitality of Hingham's commercial and industrial areas.

Finally in 2012, we bid farewell to Ben Wilcox who completed his final term on the Commission after many years of invaluable service. His insight and knowledge will be missed as will the energy and expertise of both Tom Maloney and Paul Gannon who also stepped away from the HDIC in 2012.

The Commission is very appreciative of the assistance of the many other Hingham Boards, Departments and Commissions. Their help has been critical to the achievement of the HDIC's goals and we look forward to working closely with them in the future.

Sue Sullivan, Chairman
Mary Ann Blackmur
Mark Cullings
Robert Daley

Kevin Ellis
Eileen Richards
Nanette Walsh

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER SERVICES

"The Hingham Department of Elder Services is the town focal point for the delivery of services to Hingham's population 60 and older. Its mission is to support the independence of Hingham's senior citizens, advocate for their needs and enhance the quality of their lives. In an atmosphere of respect for the older adult, the Department of Elder Services coordinates programs and services to encourage self-reliance, good health and community involvement."

Several major projects were undertaken by the Department of Elder Services in 2012 and included a Needs Assessment Study. The purpose of the needs assessment was to investigate the needs, interests, and opinions of mature residents of Hingham, relating to their aging experiences and needs for age-related services. Hingham Elder Services commissioned the Gerontology Institute of the McCormack Graduate School at UMASS Boston to conduct this study. The study focused on residents 45 and older and information was obtained through a sample survey and data collected through the U.S. Census bureau. In addition, two focus groups were conducted to obtain feedback on the survey results, and key informant interviews were conducted to provide expert input on the implications of the aging population for the Town as a whole, and the functioning of the Department of Elder Services. At the close of 2012, we are looking forward to the final report and results of the study. Our next steps will be to use these findings in setting priorities and developing short and long term planning goals.

2012 also brought to a close the submission of our application to retain National Senior Center Accreditation. During 2013, an onsite visit will be conducted by the National Institute of Senior Centers and recommendations based on their findings from the on-site visit. The goal of this process is to strengthen Senior Center operations and services as well as to again be awarded National Accreditation.

During 2012, transportation continued to be one of the most critical services provided by the Department. Transportation helps older adults to remain independent in the community and provides a way for individuals to grocery shop, attend the Senior Center, accomplish necessary errands, get to and from medical appointments, and take local trips that enhance a person's quality of life. During 2012, the Department provided 5556 one way trips to 228 different individuals.

The Outreach Program remains a vital link for older adults and family members who need assistance sorting through the myriad of programs and services and in accessing the most appropriate services to enable an older adult to continue to live at home. The Outreach Coordinator also works very closely with the Police, Fire and Health Departments on cases of mutual concern, and oftentimes remains as the link for these cases. The Outreach Program also continues to assist individuals with minor home repairs; the completion of benefit application forms, including the applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program for all Hingham residents regardless of age; and understanding the wide range of options available for the Medicare D program.

Discovery, the lifelong learning program, continued to grow and provide many different programs of interest to older adults. The Wisdom Works Program, a job search training program for older adults, continued with great success throughout 2012. Many health education programs were conducted and include evidence based programs such as Matter of Balance which provides education around falls prevention.

In 2012, "A Restaurant Sampler Program" was initiated and provides an opportunity for local Hingham restaurants to provide a meal at the Senior Center. At the close of 2012, two restaurants, Burton's and Alma Nova, had participated with great success.



The Department of Elder Services would not be able to function without the many volunteers who provide a wide range of services and programs

to the Senior Center. During 2012, these volunteers numbered 167 and worked 11,034 hours. We would also like to thank all the organizations who provided programs at the Senior Center, and all the other Town Departments who work with us to ensure that seniors are safe and comfortable in their own homes.

At this time we would like to recognize Karen Sadlon, Outreach Coordinator, and Betty Fernandes, Volunteer Coordinator. Both of these women retired during 2012. Karen served in her role for almost 25 years and was respected and loved by all the older adults of Hingham with whom she worked. Betty had served in her position for 9 years and not only brought organization and structure to the volunteer program, but was greatly respected among the volunteers with whom she worked. We will greatly miss both these staff members, their dedication and their ability to make the Senior Center a great place to work. We would also like to welcome Kathy Glenzel who succeeded Karen Sadlon. Finally, we would like to thank retiring Council on Aging members Patricia LaLiberte and Ann Manning. Both of these women worked hard on behalf of Hingham's older adults.

Barbara Farnsworth, Director
Chrisanne Gregoire, Chairman
Gretchen Condon, Vice Chairman
Beth Rouleau, Treasurer
Joan Iovino, Secretary
Edward Ford
June Freedman
Leah Godfrey
Norma Jackson
Arthur LeMay
Dick Ponte

ENERGY ACTION COMMITTEE

Mission: To serve the residents and commercial enterprises of the Town of Hingham by helping to establish energy policies and measures that will promote the efficient use of energy and reduce adverse environmental impact, and by taking measures to increase awareness of energy issues.

Work Product: The Energy Action Committee, successor to the Energy Policy Committee, identifies, promotes, and helps implement energy savings opportunities for municipal and community-wide operations and residences, and raises energy awareness on issues of concern to Town residents.

Work Agenda: Monthly meetings and periodic reporting to the Board of Selectmen to solicit feedback on suggested policies and structure.

In 2012, the Committee:

- worked with the Hingham Public Library, Town Offices, and South Shore Country Club to implement several of the energy and cost-saving measures recommended by energy audits sponsored by the Hingham Municipal Light Plant. Estimated savings from the implementations so far are approximately \$12,000 per year.

- worked with the School Building Committee to research and assess the possible use of photovoltaics in the design of the new Hingham Middle School, and also reviewed other energy efficiency possibilities for the Hingham Middle School within the confines of the Town's participation in the Model School program (MSBA).

- in partnership with the Hingham Public Library and the Hingham Municipal Light Plant, secured and hosted a showing of the energy options documentary *Switch* to raise energy awareness and discuss the implications of energy policy and choices on the environment.

- collaborated with the Hingham Municipal Light Plant to enroll the Town in MassEnergyInsight, a free software tool offered as part of the Massachusetts Green Communities Program that measures and evaluates energy use by municipal operations, thereby allowing communities to measure their carbon footprint and benchmark and monitor energy use and costs.

- secured the Town's participation in "Earth Hour."

-authored multiple articles in the Hingham Journal, alerting Town residents to various energy initiatives in the Town and raising general awareness of energy issues.

-participated in multiple energy conferences and discussions on energy policy hosted by various organizations, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Department of Energy Resources, the Boston Bar Association, and Universal Electric, Inc.

Goals for 2013 include:

- Continue to pursue energy savings possibilities in municipal buildings through implementing the energy audit recommendations.
- Expand the reach and depth of the energy audits, and bring in experts as needed to further conservation measures.
- Finalize the Committee's assistance with the School Building Committee regarding the new Hingham Middle School.
- To continue to educate the residents and businesses of Hingham about energy issues and savings opportunities.
- To set an emissions reduction target based on realistic and feasible actions, using MassEnergyInsight and other tools at the Committee's disposal, including education and outreach initiatives (see above).

Any individuals interested in serving on the committee or offering expertise on energy related matters are encouraged to contact us through energy@hingham-ma.com

Energy Action Committee:

John Bewick

Otto Harling

Paul Heanue, Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant

Virginia LeClair, Co-Chair

Brad Moyer, Co-Chair

School Business Director ex-officio

Town Administrator ex-officio



*John Bewick, Brad Moyer, Virginia LeClair, Paul Heanue, Otto Harling
EAC Members at a Committee meeting*



*Otto Harling moderates a showing of the energy documentary Switch at the Hingham
Library*

4TH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE

The Hingham 4th of July Parade Committee is pleased to report on its activities in 2012 which it considers to have been a very successful year, accomplishing the primary goal of providing the Town with an interesting, fun and respectful Parade.

However, the Parade is the culmination of a number of less public activities that need to be brought together by the Committee in the months, weeks, days, and sometimes hours, leading up to the event.



The Committee began its 2012 work *Veteran's Agent Keith Jermyn as 2012 Grand Marshall*

within a few weeks of the 2011 Parade's conclusion with a review of that year's Parade. While memories were still fresh and with the assistance of the overview provided by the video recordings, the content, conduct and organization of the event were critically reviewed. Notes were taken on all aspects of the Parade, including safety, with a view to implementing any needed improvements in the coming year.

Work on the 2012 Parade began in earnest in late 2011 under Chairman Jim Murphy. New members were welcomed to the Committee (Paula Vangel, Monica Martin, Jason Caine, and Caty Fortuin) and the first annual task of the Committee, the selection of a Parade theme for 2012 was debated. With selection of the Parade theme "Hingham's Parade of Heroes" which was then communicated to the Elementary schools where the Art Teachers, Mr. Bliss (East), Ms. Mayo (South), Ms. McKeon (Foster), and Ms Marsjanik (PRS) set their students about designing a 2012 Parade button based on the selected theme.

Later, the Committee had the pleasure of selecting the winning button, an activity that brings out the artist in all the members and which is one of the most appealing activities we perform, while never easy. The winning entry was by Eleanor Collins, a 5th grader from Foster School, a pupil of Ms McKeon, who was rewarded with a commemorative plaque and a place of honor in the Parade cortege.



2012 Button Design Winner Eleanor Collins, 5th Grade Foster School, with her Art Teacher, Ms. McKeon.

A key fundraising activity in recent years has been the Silent Auction evening held at Restaurant Tosca. The organization of the Silent Auction was led by Paula Vangel with Monica Martin, Jason Caine, Caty Fortuin, Mary Ellen Carlisle, Ginny Gray, and Margaret Costello. As always, local businesses stepped forward with a broad selection of donations covering their services and products. The flyer for the evening was designed by Carrie Murphy, a Committee member, printed by the Ink Spot and kindly included by Hingham Light in their monthly statements. Such community support and the support of local businesses are critical to the success of the Committee's fund-raising efforts. So thank you to our merchants, Hingham Light, the Ink Spot and Carrie for their important contribution to the evening's success. Finally, thank yous are also due to the management and staff at Restaurant Tosca for their hospitality and to the many friends of the Committee who attended and contributed financially to the evening's success.

Button selling in support of the Parade's fund-raising was, as always, the realm of Committee member and Citizen of the Year, Ginny Gray, and her colleagues of Hingham-Hull Rotary. Every year, Ginny and her Rotary colleagues place buttons with local merchants and at town facilities, and Ginny herself makes great efforts to attend town events and the Farmers' Market to extend her selling reach. The Committee also sees a need to recruit the town's students to help in this effort. This year, the Committee is also looking at producing sets of buttons covering past years as a fund-raising effort for the upcoming year's Parade.



Clockwise from top left: Pilgrim Women's Hockey, Cub Scout Pack 27 (*Best of Parade*),



HHS Crew (*Most Patriotic Float*), Foster Elementary School (*Most Unique Float*)



A further fund-raising effort held annually is the July 4th Parade Committee Golf Tournament, the South Shore Four Ball. The key supporter of this annual event held at the South Shore Country Club is Jay McGrail. Jay and the SSCC also support the Committee with Parade Day mobility in the form of golf carts, essential for the mustering of the many participants, and for these efforts the Committee remains very grateful to Jay and the SSCC.

As regards Parade Day, a long list of contributors deserve our recognition and thanks. Firstly, our own Hingham police, led by the Committee's liaison, Deputy Chief Glenn Olsson, provide seamless and unobtrusive coordination of public safety. Our thanks are due to Dan Leahy, General Manager of Porsche of Norwell/Audi Norwell/Volvo Village of Norwell, who provided the stylish convertibles for the Grand Marshal and Citizen of the Year to ride in. Our thanks also to Aquarion, who provided water at the parade.

Particular thanks are due to our Grand Marshal, Keith Jermyn, and all he represents of our service men and women. The choice of Grand Marshall followed the theme of our 2012 Parade, Hingham's Parade of Heroes. We were very pleased to see the strong representation of our veteran groups, the 1058, our active service men and women, our safety officers, the Militia reminding us of the continuity of the service commitment of our community, and the other marching units.

Lastly, we recognize the 2012 Parade Committee under Chairman Jim Murphy: members Margaret Costello, Mary Ann Blackmur, Carrie Murphy, George Ford (Uncle Sam!), Ginny Gray, Paula Vangel, Monica Martin, Jim Drew, III, Jason Caine, Caty Fortuin, Susan Hagstrom, Cyndy Tonucci, Cassie McDermott, Mary Ellen Carlisle, Louis O'Dea, and Deputy Chief Glenn Olsson.

We hope to see all return next year to continue the tradition while we hope to add additional members drawn from the many active Hingham community groups. Finally, we are indebted to the many Parade Day volunteers who provided the additional mustering supported needed to meet the needs of the Day.



And already thinking of Next Year!

2010 GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

I. Introduction

By vote at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting, Hingham established the Committee to Review the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Town Government, more commonly referred to as the 2010 Government Study Committee ("GSC"). In December of 2011, the GSC prepared and submitted an Interim Report, a copy of which is attached at Exhibit A. This Final Report incorporates and expands upon the Interim Report.

II. GSC Process

Since constitution, the GSC held more than thirty committee and subcommittee public meetings, attended and participated in dozens of meetings of other Town boards and committees, and met with numerous Town officials. With the able and appreciated assistance of Kitty Ward and other devoted Town citizens, the GSC solicited input and feedback from almost 500 Town citizens via a survey that was well publicized by the Hingham Journal, the Town website, and a mailing from the Hingham Municipal Light Plant. The GSC also sent surveys to virtually every Town board and committee, and valuable input was received. Instructed by the results of these surveys, the GSC adopted an agenda that investigated, discussed and addressed the procedural and substantive issues set forth below. In sum, the GSC process was, while not perfect, deliberate, focused and comprehensive.

III. Interim Considerations And Recommendations

Between 2010 and 2013, the GSC addressed a wide range of issues and topics. Some matters resulted in formal support and recommendation, while others required nothing more than investigation and discussion. The specific issues and topics are identified and summarized as follows:

Treasurer/Collector. This issue seems perpetual as it continues to draw much attention. The Treasurer/Collector position is elected, and currently filled extremely ably. The concern about, and motivation for, proposing that the position be appointed is rooted in the notions that: (1) our Town finances have become too large and too complex to entrust to the variables of the popular process; and (2) a stronger pool of candidates may be available by opening the appointment process to non-residents. The GSC (like prior committees) recommended that the Town make the position appointed,

understanding that this proposal represents an erosion of the democratic process. The GSC submitted a warrant article to this effect in 2012, which passed overwhelmingly at Town Meeting, only to fall eighteen votes short at the polls. The GSC believes that the ballot election outcome was due, in significant part, to the GSC's failure to fully inform the electorate. Accordingly, the GSC proposes that the measure be voted upon again in 2013, this time after a more comprehensive informational process.

Town Administrator/Town Manager. This issue also has received much attention over the years, particularly recently. A widely-held rationale for eliminating the Administrator role in favor of a Manager role is to allow the Board of Selectmen to focus less on administration and more on policy. As a general proposition, town managers have greater authority than town administrators, particularly with respect to personnel and appointment matters. Further, typically the pool of candidates for town manager positions is stronger than that for town administrator roles. But, as the GSC and a subcommittee on this topic examined the issues more closely, the choice between "Administrator" and "Manager" is not as simple as a mere title change. Instead, independent of any title designation, the specific duties delegated to the holder of that position must be clearly delineated, made public, and updated. Accordingly, the Town must first make clear what specific duties and powers are currently delegated to the Town Administrator, and the Town can then decide whether or not changes should be made, not so much to the title, but to the duties and powers. The GSC requested that the Board of Selectmen specifically identify and make public what duties and powers currently are held by the Town Administrator, and either this or a future committee should make a more informed recommendation on the issue. But at this time, the GSC does not believe there to be a compelling case or need to change the current title of this position, particularly because our Town is blessed by a strong, active and dedicated Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen Size. After much investigation by the GSC and other devoted citizens, including speaking with Town officials and representatives of towns that had experienced changes in the size of the Board of Selectmen, the GSC decided that expanding the size from three to five members would not result in greater efficiency or effectiveness.

Community Planning Director. This position was created in 2011 to streamline the permitting and development process. The GSC, with the valuable input of other Town boards, reviewed the duties,

responsibilities and powers of the position. This process resulted in revisions to the job description that more closely tracked the intent and purpose of the position and confined it to appropriately and properly delegated powers.

Sewer Department/DPW Consolidation. In 2011, Steve Dempsey led an effort to consolidate the day to day operations of the Public Works Department and Sewer Department under the direction of the Public Works Superintendent. The GSC studied this issue and supported the measure, which passed at Town Meeting. This model (having administrative functions delegated by elected boards) could be implemented in the future in other contexts to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of Town government.

Improved Warrant Submission. In 2011, the League of Women voters proposed changes to the warrant submission process so that it would become more organized, timely, and open and available to the voters. The GSC considered this proposal and supported it, which passed at Town Meeting.

Town Meeting Quorum. The GSC examined the Town's quorum requirement of 300 registered voters for Town Meeting. After discussion with Town officials and examination of the practices employed by neighboring and other so-called "benchmark" towns, the GSC recommended reducing the quorum from 300 to 200, and submitted a warrant article to that effect in 2012. The purpose of the recommendation was to make Town Meeting more efficient and effective by reducing the time necessary to wait for a quorum to be achieved. The measure failed by two votes. Given the tight vote and the importance of the issue, the GSC proposes in 2013 a slightly different article, this one mandating 300 registered voters at the beginning of the first night of Town Meeting, but reducing the number to 200 thereafter, including for subsequent nights (when it is even more difficult to achieve a quorum).

Reduced Speaking Times At Town Meeting. In 2011, a proposal was made to reduce the speaking time limits at Town Meeting. The purpose of the proposal was to make Town Meeting more efficient by, among other things, allowing for more viewpoints to be heard in a shorter period of time. The GSC examined this issue and supported it, which passed at Town Meeting.

Town Meeting Days. The GSC considered several proposals to mandate that Town Meeting be held on a Saturday. The GSC noted a

number of advantages to the proposals, but overriding disadvantages as well, including, but not limited to, the potential conflict with religious services and youth sporting events.

Additional Town Meeting Issues. A number of additional proposals and suggestions relating to Town Meeting were considered by the GSC, including: changing to a representative (as opposed to open) Town Meeting, not reading every line item in Article 6 (budget), addressing warrant articles in a random order, alternating speakers (pro/con), establishing separate pro and con microphones, and having a “countdown clock” for speaking times. While each of these proposals has both advantages and disadvantages, the GSC determined that none was so compelling as to warrant immediate implementation.

Field Management. In 2012, the Board of Selectmen entered into an agreement to allow the Recreation Commission to maintain oversight, including scheduling, for the fields under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen. The GSC supported this measure, as it yields efficiency.

Building and Facilities Committee. In 2011, Jerry Seelen led an effort to create a Town-wide permanent building and facilities management committee that would assess the condition of each Town building, and provide planning for and management of every significant project related to these and new buildings. While there was some discussion about how the proposed committee would work with the Capital Outlay Committee, the GSC generally supported the intent to create this comprehensive committee, since it would lead to better planning and greater efficiency. This measure is expected to be revived by the Board of Selectmen, and the GSC applauds that effort.

Term Limits. The GSC considered the proposal submitted to Town Meeting in 2011 that would have imposed a six consecutive year limit on those holding positions of Town Moderator, School Committee and Board of Selectmen. While the GSC considered and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal, ultimately, Town Counsel determined that the measure was not legal, and thus the GSC took no formal position on it.

Regionalization. The GSC discussed a number of concepts relating to regionalization, focused primarily on cost savings. While the GSC endorsed the concept generally, no specific regionalization proposals were submitted by or to the GSC.

Electronic Voting. This issue received a significant amount of attention in 2012 and 2013. Given the benefits (accuracy, efficiency, and privacy), the GSC submitted a warrant article for 2013 to create a subcommittee to examine the issue further.

Appointed/Elected Board Positions. Additional changes can be considered and made to a number of positions that currently are elected. The GSC made no formal recommendations in this regard, but for the Treasurer/Collector position, but future committees may wish to examine this area further.

IV. Prospective Recommendations

Going forward, the GSC recommends that the Town continue to consider a number of matters that were raised, but not resolved, during this committee's term, including: (1) electronic voting; (2) the powers delegated to the Administrator/Manager; (3) a comprehensive building/facilities committee; (4) elimination of dormant committees and boards; (5) further implementation of regionalization efforts, term limits; (6) management of the Town's legal needs and budget; and (7) changing other positions from elected to appointed.

V. Conclusion

Despite the Town's growth, there remains a general and deeply-rooted resistance to sudden change; instead, the culture of our Town has been and remains one that embraces change slowly over time. Consistent with this mindset, the GSC has not recommended any major modifications to Town government structure. This approach is perhaps best supported by the fact that Hingham is a very well-run municipality, something that is respected by many other towns in the Commonwealth. But, our Town government is not perfect, and some of the recommendations of the GSC will help to improve upon some of the shortcomings. Going forward, the Town must remain true to certain core principles and goals, including and especially: transparency, efficiency, respect, and a full and open democratic process. The GSC is deeply appreciative of the public participation and input it received during its tenure, and it would like to further and specifically thank Irma Lauter, who served on the committee from inception until her election to the Board of Selectmen in 2011.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Cole, Chair
Phil Edmundson
Scott Ford
Linda Port

Eva Marx
Edna English
Alexander Macmillan

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL HALL

This was an eventful year for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall. As we approach the 125th Anniversary of the Hall, preparations have begun for a Town Wide celebration. Our Hall is one of only 6 remaining Civil War Memorial Halls in the Commonwealth, thus the continuing maintenance of this historical building is a worthy mission.

Again this year, The G.A.R. Memorial Hall served as the venue for the annual Hingham High School Sophomore History Day. Close to 300 students listened intently as they were presented with experiences from Veterans of WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq. A special thank you goes to the Hingham School Board, Superintendent, and the History Department, for allowing us the opportunity to help in the education of our students.

The many improvements and expansion of military items in the Hall has encouraged our Citizens to continue to donate personal and family memorabilia. Deeds of gift can be generated for any citizen who would like to showcase their family military history. We would also like to thank local businesses for their kind donations of mannequins that allow us to display uniforms from the last century. Some of our newer additions to our collection include an American Legion Dress Blue Uniform from The Bacon Estate. This uniform was worn by Joseph A. Bacon, a WWI veteran, who signed the original American Legion Charter in 1920. Two swords, one from the Civil War and another that is a ceremonial artifact from the National Commander in Chief of the G.A.R. Hall, were donated by the Wilmon and Katherine Brewer Estate. They both belonged to General Wilmon W. Blackmar, who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor at the Battle of Five Forks Virginia on April 1, 1865. Senior Chief Chester E. Urbati, Jr. a Navy Seabee, donated his dinner dress blue uniform complete with ribbons, medals, awards. He has retired with over 40 years of service.

Finally, the Hall continues to be the meeting place for Veterans of the American Legion, Major Edward Ball Cole Post #120, Veterans of Foreign Wars, William R. Cutler Post #6053, Bare Cove Sail and Power Boat Squadron, The Hingham Militia.

The Department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the Town Accountant, Town committee members and all the Town's citizens who have provided such strong support to our veterans and their dependents throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
The Trustees of G.A.R. Memorial Hall
Scott McMillan, Chair
Keith Jermyn
Robert Beal, Jr.
Ernest Sofis, Historian



Memorial Day, 2012

HARBOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Access, physical improvements along the waterfront and promoting Hingham Harbor related issues continued to be the focus of the Harbor Development Committee (HDC) in 2012. The Committee would like to thank Chris Daly, our past Secretary, for 6 years of dedicated service to the HDC and the Town particularly for his continued championing of the Whitney Wharf Pedestrian Bridge.

The HDC met approximately twice per month since September 2012. While we have entertained a few new issues, the majority of the Committee's time has been spent in advancing dialogue and developing action steps on harbor related matters that were addressed in the 2007 Master Plan. To maximize the efficiency of a volunteer committee, individual HDC members have taken the lead on a number of our individual initiatives to help their advancement through acting as liaisons with other committees and following through on matters discussed between meetings. Irma Lauter has taken an active role with the Committee during the past year in advancing our goals as the Committee's Selectmen liaison and the Trustees of the Bathing Beach Joan Williams, Ed Johnson and Tom Foley worked actively with the HDC throughout 2012 in advancing mutual interests.

The primary initiatives advanced during the past year were:

- **Whitney Wharf Pedestrian Bridge** - This project was allocated \$275,000 in CPC funds at the Annual Town Meeting. Since that time, an RFP for professional engineering & permitting services was drafted by the HDC, was refined by Town Engineer Roger Fernandes and proposals were received in early February of 2013. Design services should commence in March.
- **Harborwalk Initiative along Town Pier** – The Harbor Master Plan called for “flipping” the pedestrian access down Town Pier to the outer, water-side of the Pier. When the sewer line was being extended out to Town Pier with funds from a State Grant obtained by Harbormaster Ken Corson, the HDC suggested that the area be configured for the walkway relocation when the area was being prepared for paving. This ended up requiring input of both the Hingham Historical Commission and Conservation Commission and although the walkway has yet to be “flipped”, there is now adequate room to reconfigure the angled parking so that it faces the Iron Horse Park and allows for the pedestrian access along the water where a bollard and chain divider along

the granite bulkhead may be appropriate (a theme that could likely be extended along the waterfront in similar applications).

- **Beach Erosion/Stabilization & Management** – Hurricane Sandy (and subsequently the “Blizzard of 2013”) heightened our awareness of an issue with serious implications along the Hingham waterfront: erosion of the shoreline/beach and the stabilization of the embankments and parking lot. Committee members have met regularly with the Trustees of the Bathing Beach, representatives of the Con/Com and Town Engineer Roger Fernandes to advance an engineering study RFP for solutions to this issue in the area running from the Bathing Beach to Town Pier. The RFP was advertised and proposals were received in February 2013 and a firm will likely begin engineering and permitting this Spring. A beach management plan is an essential precursor to obtaining State funds to redesign/rebuild our Town Boat Ramp which is in only fair condition at best.
- **Bath House/Snack Shop Concept Advancement** – Another area where the HDC has worked closely with the Bathing Beach Trustees is in the advancement of the concept of renovating the “concrete bunker” bath house into renovated bathrooms with an accessory snack shop as allowed by the waterfront zoning amendment passed in 2010 and as specifically authorized at the Special Town Meeting in the fall of 2011. We helped the Trustees in securing an intern from the Boston Architectural Center who provided layout plans and elevations of the proposed alterations. State of MA legislative and gubernatorial approval was obtained this summer and an RFP should be issued shortly.
- **Harbor Master Plan Updating, Coordination with other Town Committees and Organizations** – The HDC revisited the 2007 Harbor Master Plan and noted that while several of the suggestions noted in it are now advancing including the bath house-snack shop concept and the Whitney Wharf Pedestrian Bridge, we need to focus on socializing this document so that its goals and objectives have broad acceptance in the Town. As a number of the plan’s goals related to landscaping, walkways, street-scaping etc. we have met regularly with Shade Tree Committee Chairperson Shirley Rydell to tap her Committee’s resources to look at appropriate plantings and landscape architecture features along the waterfront; these discussions have ranged from the design, materials and patterns of a

harborwalk to where inappropriate plantings should be removed and where appropriate materials should be considered (including zero depth fountains and the like). Another frequent attendee of HDC meetings has been Amy Cowan, the chairperson of the recently formed non-profit harbor advocacy group the Friends of Hingham Harbor. The Friends were founded to help promote activities along the waterfront so that more Hingham residents can benefit from this great asset.

- **Community Rowing & Sailing Discussions & Study** – While the HDC has not been a particularly active participant in discussions concerning the ongoing rowing and sailing program operated by Lincoln Maritime Center, we have been interested for some time in the physical characteristics, access and uses of Barnes and Steamboat Wharves. These areas were included in the Conditions Survey performed by Coastline Engineering as part of our “Blue Plan”. Hingham resident and avid rower DJ McKinnon approached our committee about engaging (at his expense) a study to be performed by Community Rowing of Boston, a leading rowing and sailing advocate/operator, concerning the physical, operational and programmatic issues surrounding a sustainable community & rowing program in Hingham. This study is currently underway and they have engaged all the stakeholders in the process. The study is expected to be released in March 2013.
- **Access to Harbor & Traffic/Transportation Issues (Rotary, etc.)** – No discussion of the Hingham waterfront can be complete without addressing the “elephant in the room” – State Route 3A and its implications and impacts. Last Spring we had now retired District 5 Engineer (and Hingham resident) Bernie McCourt meet before our committee to discuss possible improvements for both pedestrians and safer, more controlled vehicular activity. A late 2012 meeting with Summer Street area residents and Town, State and MHD officials concerning the Rotary brought all these discussions to the forefront and hopefully closer to study, design and improvements in the not too distant future. Modification of the Rotary can have large positive implications in improved pedestrian access along the waterfront, Barnes Wharf, etc.
- **Increasing Car-top Boating/Kayak Access in Different Locations** – The Committee for a number of years has been looking at locations to improve residents’ access to launching

sites for kayaks and other car-top vessels that are becoming increasingly more popular. A recent site walk with committee members, the Bare Cove Park Ranger and a representative of Bare Cove Park revealed an intriguing possible access point that could safely separate pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The State has a program to fund such initiatives.

Committee Members:

Alan Perrault, Chairman
Eric Kachel, Secretary
Robert Mosher
David Fenton
John Thomas
Paul Losordo
Edward Morris

Kenneth Corson III (Harbormaster) ex-officio

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board consists of three elected members from the community. The term of office is for three years. The Board oversees a staff of seven employees (Bruce T. Capman, R.S., Executive Health Officer, Kathleen Crowley, R.N., Public Health Nurse, Carol Ford, Administrative Secretary, and Susan Rowe Health Agent, Ann Marie Papasodero, Health Clerk, Rosanna Nigro, Asst. to Administrative Secretary and William Peterson, Food Inspector.

The Board of Health's jurisdiction and responsibilities include such activities as adult immunization and blood pressure programs, domestic abuse, crisis intervention, Food Establishment licensing and inspections, surface water quality enforcement, recycling and dumpster regulations, Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG), tobacco control program, rabies control, West Nile Virus surveillance, local and regional emergency planning and response, Right-to-Know enforcement, septic system approval and inspection, Body Art licensing, recombinant DNA licensing, communicable disease surveillance and response, recreational camps for children licensing, regulating the keeping of animals and fowl, tanning salon licensing, building permit review, subdivision review, private well permitting, housing code compliance and much more.

This year saw an early and potent arrival of the seasonal flu. Through the efforts of the Hingham Public Health Nurse education and immunization were quickly deployed to defend against this virus. Remember it is never too late to get a flu shot.

The Health Department, through a federal grant, was able to purchase a self contained trailer to store all of our emergency equipment and supplies. This purchase will allow the Health Department to respond immediately to emergencies and disasters by simply transporting our trailer to the emergency location.

The Board also promulgated Recycling and Dumpster regulations with the Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee which requires waste haulers to offer recycling to their customers and to work with employers to separate their recyclables as part of our plan. In addition, the dumpster portion of the regulations establishes standards and permits for all dumpsters located in the Town of Hingham.

The Board of Health also met jointly with the Boards of Health from Hull and Cohasset along with Aquarions's Director of Supply Operations to

discuss adjusting the amount of fluoride added to their supply as suggested by the US Department of Health and Human Services/Center for Disease Control. Currently Hingham and Hull has voted to lower the fluoride concentration to 0.7 ppm from 1.2 – 0.9 ppm. The Hingham Board of Health is awaiting to hear from Cohasset Board of Health.

The Hingham Board of Health is now reviewing its Supplemental Rules and Regulations to Title 5 of the State Environmental Code for clarifications and updating these rules to address changes in technology and design of septic systems.

Permits issued in 2012 by the Board of Health are as follows:

Farmers Market.....	30	Food Establishment.	166
Retail Food.....	70	Store Milk	106
Catering.....	6	Frozen Desserts... ..	15
Residential F.S.....	3	Mobile Food Service..	16
Milk Vehicle.....	1	Septage Haulers	41
Rubbish Haulers	14	Septic Installers.....	39
Tanning Salons.....	3	Funeral Directors	2
Semi-Public Pools	13	Pool Constr.Permits ..	12
Trailer Parks.....	1	Day Camps	19
Septic Permits	95	Variance Appl.	45
Building Permits.....		Treatment Plant	250
Soil Evaluations.	66	Tobacco Sales	25
Animal Permits	9	Private Well Permits..	22

Kirk Shilts D.C., Chairman
 Peter Bickford, Member
 Stephan White, Member



Bruce Capman, Carol Ford, Kathy Crowley, Susan Rowe

LONG RANGE WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

2012 was a year of continued and improved service at the Hingham Transfer Station. Overall costs and revenues from Hingham's waste disposal and recycling operations can be found in the Department of Public Works' summary and financial report in this Town Annual Report. For 2012, the Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee (LRWDRC) is pleased to report the following developments at the Transfer Station:

- The town's waste tonnage was 7,055.6 tons, or 502 tons less than 2011, yielding a savings of \$41,000 in waste disposal cost.
- A total of 2,607 tons of common recyclables (paper, cardboard, plastic, glass and metal) were collected, yielding a recycling rate of 26.46%, a 3% increase from last year. However, there is considerable room for improvement in recycling as comparable towns' recycling rates are at 40%. An audit at SEMASS, the waste to energy incinerator operation that handles Hingham's waste, revealed that 20% of Hingham's waste consists of easily recyclable materials. Specifically, Hingham's waste loads contained 5.1% paper, 5.5% corrugated cardboard, 3% recyclable plastic and 7% textiles, all waste-bin items that do not belong in household trash.
- Hingham received final approval of the cap on the former landfill from the MA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).
- The yard and leaf waste composting area was reopened in April atop the cap. In contrast to the shortcomings on common recyclables, Hingham continued to do a good job with diverting compostable yard waste (brush, grass and leaves), with residents diverting 3,798 tons of leaves, grass and brush to the composting bays. Removing yard waste and recyclables from household trash matters, saving \$82 per ton.
- The charity clothing and textile container bin area was reorganized. These bins accept both re-usable and worn out clothing (shoes, undergarments, socks, etc.) and re-usable and worn out textiles (blankets, linens, rags, stuffed animals, seat cushions) - all have an afterlife and generate revenue for the town of Hingham.
- A new, larger and volunteer-run Swap Shop was opened in October, complete with parking, space to hold items for a longer time, and a shed for overnight storage. The LRWDRC will continue to recruit

volunteers who are trained by Transfer Station management. The volunteers have been critical to the effective day-to-day operations of a safe and accessible swap area dedicated to accepting and redistributing reusable items.

- 4,804 residential green stickers or permits to use Transfer Station were issued to residents and an additional 34 permits were issued to part-time residents; 42 resident commercial permits were issued.
- Hingham's redeemable bottle and can collection fundraising program added a community service component, with the recipient youth groups (a total of 26 for 2012) performing community service in exchange for the redemption value of the bottles and cans.
- A new Massachusetts DEP "Sharps and Lancets" Waste Ban called for the separate disposal of medical needles and their containers, therefore these sharps and lancets must be deposited in the collection bin located in the Transfer Station's Baler building.

The LRWDRC continues its advocacy of the economic and environmental benefits of recycling and the cost savings associated with diverting recyclable, reusable, and waste ban materials from the residential household waste stream. Additionally, the LRWDRC works with other Town Departments, specifically, the Board of Health, the School Department and the Energy Action Committee, supporting these groups' efforts for increased recycling, waste reduction, re-use awareness and energy use reduction. The LRWDRC's endeavors in 2012 included:

- Submission of articles and a quarterly recycling rate graph in the Hingham Journal, as well as informational displays at the Hingham Library and Town Hall on: 1. recycling textiles and electronics; 2. household hazardous waste collection; 3. proposed legislation regarding an updated Bottle Bill; and, 4. proper disposal of prescription medicines.
- Working with and supporting the Board of Health's (BOH) new Recycling and Dumpster Regulations, which require business and commercial properties to separate recyclables from household waste. The LRWDRC and DPW applied for and received a \$50,000 grant from MA DEP for a Commercial Recycling Compliance Officer, who will assist waste and recycling haulers and business owners comply with the recycling and dumpster regulations. Members of the LRWDRC met with the Hingham Downtown Business Association to provide initial information to businesses about the new regulations.

- Supporting and assisting recycling efforts in the Hingham Public Schools. Schools recycle paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, cans, glass, ink and toner cartridges, and fluorescent light bulbs and ballasts, and hold individual re-use and recycling drives for sneakers, costumes, books, sports clothing and equipment, and computers on a regular basis. Five of the six schools collect food scraps for on site composting and the LRWDRC supported school food service director, Kim Smyth's, efforts to replace the cafeterias' Styrofoam plates and bowls with compostable plates and trays. The high school began on-site composting of its paper plates and trays and the Transfer Station is testing the capacity of the town's compost pile to accept some of the schools' plates and trays. Finished compost is used in school gardens and excess compost from the high school was sold to generate revenue for its Green Committee.
- Supporting and assisting the Energy Action Committee's work to bring Earth Hour to Hingham, a growing worldwide hour without lights to raise awareness about energy use and climate change.

The Long Range Waste Disposal Planning and Recycling Committee will continue to educate residents about the economic and environmental benefits achieved via recycling efforts. Recycling saves \$82 per ton in disposal costs and generates revenue - paper, cardboard, corrugated cardboard, metal and batteries all have after-market value and generated \$107,000 in revenue for 2012. Consistent with the financial and environmental benefits associated with prudent waste disposal and full compliance with recycling laws, the LRWDRC's 2013 goals include:

- Developing an ongoing system to compost paper plates and trays, and other compostable paper waste from the schools.
- Supporting the completion and local cable broadcast of an Eagle Scout video project on how to recycle at the Transfer Station.
- Continuing to recruit volunteers for the Swap Shop to: 1. expand the hours of operation, and 2. enhance the display areas.
- Supporting efforts to educate Hingham business and commercial property owners and their respective waste and recycling haulers on the benefits of cost effective and consistent recycling.

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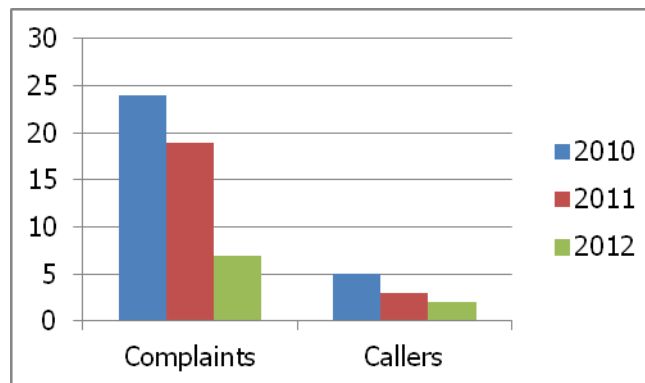
Janice McPhillips
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David White



BOSTON LOGAN COMMUNITY ACTION COUNSEL (CAC)

CAC is a well established committee composed of 38 communities surrounding Logan Airport. CAC's goal is to reduce ground and over-flight noise from aircraft. To give you a sense of the size of this problem there are on average 350-400 flights that fly over Hingham each day. What is not widely understood is that noise, particularly at night, has a very disruptive effect on sleep patterns which, in turn, is a catalyst for ill health.

We have made significant progress here in Hingham. Today, you don't notice aircraft noise from aircraft as much as before because of the success of CAC in influencing flight patterns. This success is illustrated by the reduction of Hingham complaints from aircraft noise.

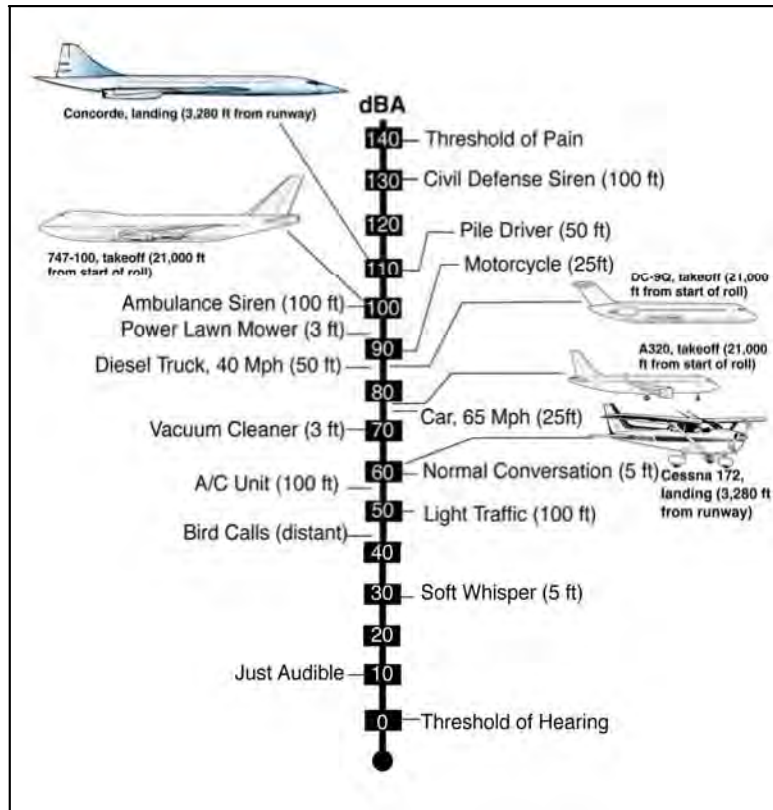


**Noise Complaint received by the Massport Noise Abatement Office from Hingham residents
(Source Massport Feb 2013)**

The Boston Logan Airport Noise Study (BLANS) is being conducted in fulfillment of the requirements of the Record of Decision on the Environmental Impact Statement for the Airside Improvements Planning Project at Boston Logan International Airport, issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on August 2, 2002.

Phases I and II are complete and were focused on the outer communities such as Hingham and Phase III is focused closer in communities. This success is reflected in the Massport Noise Complaint report attached and an estimated reduction of 5 decibel noise reduction from 2005 to 2015. The CAC evaluated each measure based

on an established set of noise criteria that defined the CAC's objectives for meeting the overall goal of the BLANS to safely reduce noise exposure from aircraft operations and ground movements at the Airport on as many residents of communities in the Boston area as practicable. The FAA reviewed each measure recommended by the CAC to determine whether it would be consistent with FAA policy in terms of noise exposure and noise abatement and whether further analysis and documentation would be required for implementation. The FAA and Massport jointly issued findings regarding the measures recommended by the CAC for implementation.



The final steps of the BLANS will include an assessment of runway use alternatives that were identified early in the study. At that time, it was agreed to defer assessment of the runway use alternatives until the analysis of and decisions regarding measures related to flight procedures were completed. A Post Phase 2 scope of work is being developed to address the runway use alternatives and other tasks following the completion of Phase 2. Massport has also agreed with the CAC to

establish a noise abatement committee that will monitor ongoing noise abatement and other concerns related to aircraft operations at the Airport. While the framework of that committee will be established during completion of the BLANS, its activities will continue after completion of the BLANS.

Finally, there are several new initiatives already in 2013.

- CAC's mission not only includes noise mitigation but also air pollution and we are seeing greater interest since late 2012.
- Some months ago, the CAC Exec Committee (including myself) met with Speaker DeLeo at the State House. Based on his guidance, we have revived a previous bill as a part of the Governor Patrick's Transportation Bill to fund a Massport Advisory Council to allow community involvement to monitor Massport activities as it relates to noise, air pollution and possibly ferry operations from Hingham.
- Separately, Massport has approved funding for the CAC to have a consulting advocate to help monitor and improved activities as it relates to Massport.
- The FAA has released a Draft Environmental Assessment for RNAV for Runway 33L at Logan. Comments were accepted from the public until mid-February and hopefully this input will help guide the deployment of the new procedures which were scheduled to start in March 2013. For Hingham, this has a positive but minor impact on reduce noise.
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For more information, please go to <http://www.bostonrnavea.com>
and for a broader review, visit
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Hingham Representative to CAC and CAC Secretary
February 7, 2013

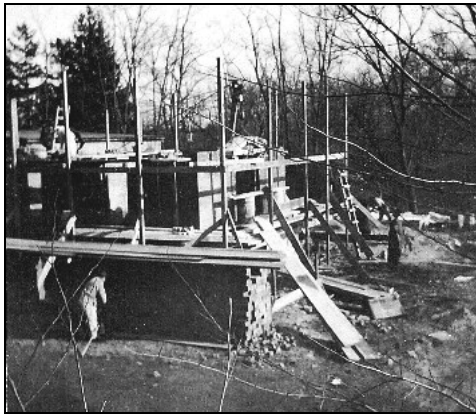
MEMORIAL BELL TOWER

Happy 100th Birthday Hingham Memorial Bell Tower.

The foyer of the Tower is called the Memorial Room. The stone opposite the front door is called the Hingham Stone. It was given by the people in England to be used as a cornerstone for the Tower. Its irregular shape prevented this use but a pedestal was prepared for it inside the Tower. The stone, the largest stone that old Hingham had (the soil is very fine and the largest stones are about the size of bricks) stood in the town square for centuries and was used as a mounting block to aid the public in mounting their horses. The stone is mentioned in the earliest of town records and believed to have been brought to the site by Druids and used in worship. It was presented to the people of Hingham by the British Ambassador in 1912. The people of Hingham MA sent a stone from the cellar hole of the tower to old Hingham to replace its stone. It can be seen in the photographs of the Hingham, England Tower Square on the wall above the Hingham Stone.

We welcome guests to visit the Tower and maybe even try their hand at ringing on our Tuesday evening ringing night at 7:00 pm, weather permitting. We look forward to seeing visitors.

Kenneth W. Drescher
Joan R. Getto
Martha Ryan
Ann Shilhan
Michael Shilhan
Dorcas Wagner



Memorial Bell Tower under construction, 1912

HINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Libraries are experiencing a dramatic shift in the way information is obtained and disseminated. The shift involves getting information from a variety of electronic sources and delivering it directly to patrons over the Internet. This shift, while not without challenges for libraries, is creating new opportunities to serve our 14,276 registered borrowers more effectively. Hingham Public Library's [HPL] strength lies in its tradition of anticipating and adapting to the changing needs of its patrons. Over HPL's 143 year history, there has been an extraordinary array of communications-based inventions, media formats, computers, the Internet, and now a virtual explosion of Internet connected mobile devices. HPL has remained relevant to our community because of its willingness to embrace proven new technologies and to retain the best of what has worked over time. Keeping the Library vital for Hinghamites of all ages is a top priority of the Library's governing Board of Trustees.

In recent years the Library has added liberally to its downloadable media catalog, which currently offers 5,300 eBooks, as well as 1,874 audiobooks. Soon it will offer downloadable magazines, music and videos. Interest in downloadable services continues unabated as personal Internet connected mobile devices have reached over 50% of the nation's population.

Libraries are leading the way to opportunity for our residents. HPL is the largest provider of free Wi-Fi access in Hingham, and with its many computers and growing digital resources, an even greater number of patrons will make use of its services. Never the less, there is more to "leading the way" than simply making resources available. Librarians help our residents—young and old—to learn how to use technology.

Without an informed and trained staff to assist the public in using electronic resources, the divide between our "digital natives" and "digital immigrants" will grow. Digital natives, in case you are wondering, are the Town's residents who know nothing of a pre-Internet world first-hand. They were born into a world of personal computers, instant communication and electronic connectivity. Residents who came of age before computers became ubiquitous are the "digital immigrants" who may need more assistance in becoming full participants in the world of Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest. And that's where the Library can shine. Call upon our Reference staff for help if you are new to technology and need help with searching and downloading our resources; they offer both group sessions and one-on-one appointments.

Although establishing a credible foothold for the “digital library” requires a steep learning curve and financial investments, HPL hasn’t made these investments at the expense of traditional physical book aficionados. HPL’s strong commitment to provide one of the best public library print collections in the Commonwealth is unwavering. Traditional book and other physical media circulation loans topped out at just over 407,000 items last year. Circulation staff handled 109,125 items through interlibrary loan. Based on statistics, the physical book in the near term at least is secure in its premier position at HPL. The Library loaned a total of 420,467 print and electronic media last year.

HPL values our Town’s past as much as it does its stake in the digital future. Work continues on conserving, digitizing, and improving access to Historical Collection materials. Under a federal grant, the Boston Public Library digitized three collections: the Hingham High School yearbooks, a collection of glass negatives, and a collection of postcards. The yearbooks are now available online via the Internet Archive; the glass negatives and postcards will be available once metadata have been created. A collection of documents on the 19th century Free Soil Party reunion at Crow Point also will be digitized and placed on-line in 2013 thanks to a federal grant made available through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

HPL’s Children’s Department helps prepare children for formal schooling through story hours that encourage socialization and language enrichment. Teen reading and book discussion programs help them sharpen critical analytical and discussion skills while cultivating life-long reading enjoyment. Older adults too, take advantage of life-long learning opportunities through our collaborations with senior focused educational institutions such as the Osher Life Long Learning Institute [OLLI] based at UMass-Boston. OLLI offers a combination of instructor in the classroom and live/interactive videoconferencing from the UMass Boston campus. Expanded OLLI course offerings at the library in 2013 will further strengthen our commitment to continuous learning opportunities for adults age 55 and older.

As you can see, your library is more than a mere destination. Every HPL visit should offer you an “experience” that leaves you feeling enriched and informed. Music, art, movies and guest speakers from the world of publishing and literature are part of a visit to HPL. Collaborative programming with the Boston Classical Guitar Society, the North River Arts Society and independent bookseller Buttonwood Books & Toys of Cohasset help deepen the community’s collective cultural experiences. Monthly feature films organized by the Library’s Audio Visual Department

bring you the best of Hollywood and the finest non-mainstream cinema—all in a collegial, informal atmosphere.

Although more easily imagined than accomplished, HPL also aspires to provide our patrons with the opportunity to enjoy what is being dubbed the “maker library”. The “maker library” is a place within the traditional public library where patrons can make and edit movies and music and perhaps even produce their own eBooks. Ideally our maker library will introduce residents to innovative creation technology. The opportunities for sophisticated volunteerism in the “maker library” are boundless. Imagine sharing your knowledge of technology, movie-making, music and publishing with other equally curious and enthusiastic residents? Contact the Library Director if you have an interest in sharing your talent and knowledge.

Volunteers ranging in age from middle school students to retired senior citizen play a role in our success. Library volunteers find productive work and receive the satisfaction of giving back to their fellow residents. The Library benefits from the helping hands and from seeing its community bonds strengthened through the involvement of its citizenry. In 2012 our 103 volunteers provided 3,651 hours of service. This is the equivalent of two full time people per week working 35 hours per week each. The annual value of this service is estimated at \$65,000.

Over the years we have encouraged residents to view the library as their public gathering space for thoughtful debate, discussion, and exchange of ideas. And, judging from room use statistics, our success has been stunning. HPL hosted 3,215 meetings in 2012. The Children’s Department alone welcomed 6,354 people to its family events throughout 2012. The Children’s and Young Adult areas of the library were filled with readers and writers! Some 266,445 visitors came through our doors to borrow materials, use our computers, and attend programs and meetings. Others came to view art shows. Still others sought out our popular volunteer run used Bookstore for its bargains.

Keeping HPL vital and interesting takes a collaboration of a dedicated staff, volunteers, and donors who lift the Library toward excellence. Additionally, HPL’s dedicated Board of Trustees, supportive municipal officials and generous taxpayers collectively position the library to be a successful community institution. However, there are additional costs to keeping the Library vital. Some of those costs this year were funded by a fundraising special event spear-headed by Trustee Tina Sherwood. Success is planned. But it needs to be nurtured by residents who value local institutions and recognize their contributions in providing Hingham

with its strong sense of community. Our residents rose to the occasion in 2012.

Through the combination of a generous gift from the Chamberlain and Tuite families and the special event fundraiser, the Young Adult area will receive a new, more appealing look for its teen users. The redesign is a collaboration of Childrens Librarian Anna Byrne, her staff and Trustee Bonnie Hobbs. We anticipate the work and refurnishing will be complete in April, 2013. The room will be dedicated in memory of the late Gene and Helen Chamberlain in May.

The Hingham Energy Action Committee has been instrumental in helping the library identify and take energy conservation measures that have the potential to save \$7,000-\$10,000 in electric and natural gas in Fiscal Year 2013. We are grateful for their diligence and in particular to committee member Otto Harling for his insight and tenacity.

In closing, I wish to thank and congratulate Sted Murdy, Michael Barclay and Kate Mahony for their distinguished service on the Board of Trustees. These stellar examples of Hingham volunteerism left the Board in 2012. Joining the Board are Bonnie Hobbs, Michael Spatola and Ian Browne. Finally, I offer my personal appreciation to Past Board President Charles Abbott for his leadership and guidance during his long tenure. David J. Mehegan was elected our new President. And last but not least, I thank our talented staff for their good work.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis R. Corcoran
Library Director



Left to right: Dennis Corcoran, Susan Rabuffo, Sara Taylor, Katie Sutton, Amy Crean, Debbie Vassil, Joan Allen, David Mehegan
(Missing from the "team" photo are Tina Sherwood, Alyson Hussey and Tom Carey.)

HINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

As of October 1, 2012, there were 4143 students enrolled in grades K-12 in the Hingham Public Schools, an increase of 56 students over October 1, 2011. In addition, the district had responsibility for funding and/or programming for 62 pre-school students in the integrated program, 61 out-of-district students (special education), and 7 vocational students.

The 2012 Town Election saw Dennis Friedman and Paul Gannon elected to the School Committee, replacing retiring members Linda Hill and Barbara Cook. Caryl Falvey, Raymond Estes, and Carol M. Falvey were elected School Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, respectively, in May 2012.

School leadership changes in 2012 included the appointments of Elizabeth Flynn, who succeeded Jean Curtis Loud who retired as Director of Student Services, and Mary Eastwood who replaced Eliza Burns as South School Principal. Susan Keyes assumed the leadership of the Foreign Language Department, succeeding Judith Rielly who retired, and Melissa Smith replaced David Whiting in the shared role of Assistant Principal for the East and Plymouth River Schools.

The Annual School Department Operating Budget for fiscal year 2013 (school year 2012-2013) was approved at the April 2012 Town Meeting at \$40,567,321; another \$429,444 was appropriated for Capital Projects.

In Fall 2012, the School Committee met in a Planning Meeting to establish goals and priorities for the then upcoming FY 14 season. Subsequent to that meeting, Budget Guidelines and Assumptions were developed and approved by the School Committee. In December 2012, the School Administration proposed a "needs-based budget" that is (at the time of this writing) in the process of refinement and adoption or other action by the SC, Selectmen, Advisory Committee, and ultimately by Town Meeting.

The official groundbreaking ceremony for the new Hingham Middle School was held in late June 2012. Funded by an October 2011 Special Town Meeting and Debt Exclusion Ballot Vote, the construction work began promptly in Summer 2012 and has proceeded on course under the stewardship of the School Building Committee, Chaired by Ray Estes. An anticipated completion date of late Spring 2014 will allow for the necessary steps that will assure a September 2014 opening and the subsequent demolition of the current building and reconstruction of new playing fields and parking facilities.

At the same Town Meeting and Ballot vote, citizens also agreed to fund construction costs for Phase I (track reconstruction and tennis court repair) and design fees for Phase II (multi-purpose field, drainage improvements, and other possible attributes) of a much needed, comprehensive high school fields improvement project. Summer 2012 saw the completion of a newly reconstructed track and a resurfacing of the tennis courts at the high school. An Ad Hoc High School Fields Study Committee worked closely throughout 2012 with the designer, Gale Engineering, to develop recommendations for School Committee action. Permitting meetings began in late fall, with plans for a Town Meeting 2013 funding request.

Academically, Hingham students continued to perform above state averages at every grade and subject on the 2012 MCAS. The percentage of Hingham students performing at the proficient or advanced levels increased in grade 3 reading and math, grade 4 English Language Arts (ELA) and math, grade 5 science, grade 6 ELA, grades 6, 7 and 8 math, and grade 10 ELA, math and science. In grade 10, 100% of students scored at the proficient or advanced level in ELA, 96% in math, and 91% in science, with 72% scoring at the advanced level in ELA and 77% scoring advanced in math. All members of the Class of 2012 demonstrated proficiency on the ELA, math and science MCAS tests that are required for a state certified diploma. Student Growth Percentile (SGP) reports released by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) are used to measure student performance changes on MCAS over time. In Hingham, SGPs were rated as "high" at grade 5 ELA, grades 4 and 5 math, grade 7 ELA, and grade 10 ELA and math.

As a result of a waiver from NCLB (No Child Left Behind) requirements granted at the federal level, Massachusetts implemented a new accountability system for classifying districts and schools. This accountability system is used to classify districts and schools on a five level scale from the highest performing in Level 1 to the lowest performing in Level 5. The Hingham 2012 accountability results were as follows: East School—insufficient data (three years of data required for a new school), Foster School—Level 1 (also designated as a Commended School), Plymouth River School and South School—Level 2 (High Needs subgroup), Hingham Middle School—Level 1, Hingham High School—Level 1 (also a Commended School), and district—Level 2 (district level same as lowest level school). A school percentile was also reported indicating a school's overall performance relative to other schools in Massachusetts with the same grades. The Hingham school percentiles were as follows:

East-NA, Foster-86th, PRS-97th, South-90th, HMS- 87th, and HHS-94th. The Commendations for Foster and HHS were among the only 64 schools in MA so recognized in 2012

Following the Spring 2011 MA DESE adoption of the federal Common Core Standards, now the 2011 Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks in Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy, Hingham administrators, teachers, and support staff at all levels continue work on aligning and revising local curriculum to better prepare students for the 2013 MCAS. The curriculum realignment efforts will be completed by the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

On June 2, 2012, 272 students graduated from Hingham High School. Of these graduates, 94% planned to continue their formal education. Academic accomplishments of the HHS Class of 2012 include 8 National Merit commended students, 72 Advanced Placement Scholars, 3 National Scholars, and 51 members inducted into the National Honor Society. At the Annual Senior Awards Night, 233 members of the Class of 2012 were honored. Almost \$295,000 in local scholarship funds was awarded to these graduates. Myriad awards were also presented in recognition of students' outstanding performance in academic areas or involvement in school organizations.



Hingham vs. Scituate on the new High School Track completed in summer of 2012

Outstanding sportsmanship defined the athletic program during 2012. Six different teams were honored as great representatives of the town and their sport. The Girls Cross-country Team, the Wrestling Team, and the Boys Indoor Track team each earned Patriot League Sportsmanship honors. The girls and boys ice hockey teams received the prestigious Malloy Award. The Boys Golf Team was awarded the MIAA Division II

Sportsmanship Award, and the Boys Spring Track Team was honored by the Massachusetts State Coaches Association.

HHS teams won five state championships in 2012. Girls Indoor Track won the Division III championship and both Boys and Girls Spring Track Teams won the state relays. The fall girls and boys crew teams won the Massachusetts Public School Rowing Championship. Seven teams were Patriot League Champions – Girls and Boys Indoor and Spring Track, Girls and Boys Tennis, and the Baseball Team. Coach Fred Jewett, boys indoor and spring track coach was named MIAA Coach of the Year and District I (including all of New England and New York and New Jersey) Coach of the Year. A very special celebration occurred at the annual Thanksgiving Day game when the Athletic Department celebrated the installation of the new track. At halftime of the game, more than 90 former captains and coaches were recognized for their efforts in establishing a “Legacy of Excellence” for the Hingham High School Track Programs. Hingham won that day’s football game 17 – 14. Participation remains very high as 72% of the high school student population is involved with interscholastic athletics.

The four elementary schools continue to enhance instruction in literacy, math, science, and social studies through a variety of initiatives including Response to Intervention (RTI) models of targeted instruction, updated curriculum and assessment materials, technology support, tutoring, holiday and seasonal celebrations, book clubs, literacy and math nights, involvement with the community, cultural enrichment programs, and service projects. Each of the elementary schools has designed, posted, and trained staff in school-specific behavior matrixes in order to create safe and productive learning environments that foster responsibility and respect.

During 2012, Hingham Public Schools staff undertook a self-assessment process that is a required component of the MA DESE Coordinated Program Review Process that will culminate with a site visit in March 2013. The particular programs that are being audited for compliance with laws and regulations are Special Education, Civil Rights, English Language Learner Education, and Title I. In Fall 2012, Hingham High School received the report of a Spring 2010 Title IX Audit and developed and signed a Resolution Agreement to improve alignment with the requirements of the federal law that promotes equal access to athletic programs and resources for both boys and girls.

The Hingham Public Schools again benefitted from strong and long-standing community partnerships in 2012. The cooperative efforts and

generosity of parents, PTO's, booster and other community groups, civic organizations, the Hingham Education Foundation and the Hingham Sports Partnership, have again supported the School Department in realizing its mission and achieving both short and longer term goals. The School Department and the School Committee gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the many community efforts that serve to enhance the excellent facilities, programs, and activities of the Hingham Public Schools. In November 2012, the School Committee and School Department hosted the third annual Community Partners reception at which another deserving Class of individuals, businesses, and community organizations were recognized for their unique contributions to the Town's Schools.

A special thank you goes also to the citizenry and voters of the Town for their ongoing support and financing of education budgets and their recent funding of the "under construction" new middle school and the track, tennis, and Phase II design project that is nearing completion at the HHS campus.

DOROTHY GALO, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Caryl Falvey, Chair
Raymond Estes, Vice-Chair
Carol M. Falvey Secretary
Andrew Shafter

Edward Schreier, D.D.S.
Dennis Friedman
Paul Gannon

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Hingham Recreation Commission is a five member elected board which oversees the operations of the Recreation Department. The mission of the Recreation Commission is to provide high quality, affordable recreation programs as well as maintain safe and accessible fields and facilities throughout Hingham. It is the vision of the Recreation Department to be a recognized leader among recreation programs within the region, helping as many Hingham residents live healthier and happier lives by providing recreation access and choices for residents of all ages in a fair and balanced way. The Recreation Department's program offerings strive to assist all Hingham residents in enhancing their physical, social, and emotional well-being.

The Hingham Recreation Department offered a wide variety of child and teen programs in 2012, perhaps the most successful being the Recreation Summer Program. The Summer Program which consists of three age-determined programs, namely Preschool, Playground, and Teen Extreme reached a registration high of 1500 registrations in the summer of 2012. This high attendance rate is the result of the Recreation staff's continued efforts to improve and expand the scope of the Summer Program. These efforts were materialized in 2012 through the introduction of a fourth session of the Preschool Program for children ages three to five and the addition of three more sessions of the Teen Extreme program for children in grades six through eight. In addition to expanding the scope of eligible residents, the Recreation summer staff further enhanced the program by introducing a number of new and exciting entertainers, including one of Cape Cod's premier acapella groups, a yo-yo, music and dance specialist, and a number of sports specialists including yoga, martial arts, and dance instructors.

The goal of the Summer Program is to provide Hingham children with the opportunity to meet new people, make new friends, enjoy old friends, take part in new activities, improve social skills, and foster a sense of belonging. Additionally, the program allows residents to take full advantage of all Rec Center facilities including the numerous Cronin athletic fields, the indoor basketball gymnasium, the interactive arcade-style game room, and the child care room which serves as a summer arts and crafts classroom. While the Recreation Department's facilities are a large part of the program's appeal, the program's continued success is owed in large part to the dynamic group of Hingham teens who serve as summer counselors. With top notch facilities and an experienced and energetic staff, the Recreation Department looks

forward to further improvements and expansions for the summer of 2013.

The Recreation tennis programs also experienced substantial expansion in 2012. By increasing its tennis program offerings the Recreation department was able to enroll more than 120 children in spring tennis programs along with 50 adults. The success of the spring tennis programs continued into the fall with more than 90 children enrolled. It is the hope of the Recreation Department that the spring and fall tennis programs will continue to grow in 2013, serving as many aspiring Hingham tennis players as possible.

Other highlights from 2012 include the 54th annual running of the Hingham 4th of July Road Race, one of the town's finest traditions. This year, in an attempt to accommodate the growing number of runners, the Recreation Department employed a new timing strategy. The 54th annual road race was the first ever with race chip technology. By embedding a racing chip in each bib number, the Recreation Department was able to increase the accuracy of participants' reported race times and decrease commotion at the finish line. These simple modifications allowed for a safe and exciting start to our Independence Day celebrations. The Recreation Department would like to thank all those who make this annual race possible. Thanks to Hingham Striders, who have cultivated and reshaped this growing race into the event we know today. Through their entrepreneurial innovation, dedication to community, and sustainable fundraising legacy, race proceeds continue to generate seed money to subsidize quality, affordable programs, finance special events, and fund capital projects.

The Recreation Department's several major community events were a great success in 2012. The Easter Egg Hunt, co-hosted by the Hingham Mothers' Club, saw a huge turnout last spring. More than 100 Hingham youngsters showed up to search for more than 2,000 hidden eggs. In addition to the Easter Egg Hunt, the Recreation Department hosted the 5th annual Halloween Costume Party at the SSCC. Recreation staff members facilitated a wide range of Halloween themed crafts and games for both preschool and school aged children throughout the evening. The party also included two bouncy houses and a spooky hay ride designed by the SSCC staff. The last of the Recreation Department's community events, Christmas in the Square, was also a huge success in 2012. The Rec Department's Christmas crafts and goodies drew a huge crowd and added to the excitement of the morning festivities.

2012 ROAD RACE LOGO



Recreation Commissioners:

Frank Jones, Chair
Paul Paget, Vice Chair
Tom Belyea, Secretary
Budd Thorne
Bob Keyes

Mark Thorell, Director of Recreation

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Following successful votes at the Special Town Meeting and ballot box in late October 2011, the School Building Committee welcomed 2012 continuing its efforts to finalize architectural and engineering design development and to begin the permitting process for the new Hingham Middle School. A group presentation to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Board of Health on January 23, 2012 began approximately two months of public hearings before the three boards, which resulted in the issuance of formal approvals following a thorough review of all relevant project elements.

Cost estimates were commissioned at the 60% and 90% design thresholds projecting costs at approximately \$240,000 below the approved budget submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") in September 2011. With design 100% complete and construction specification documents generated at the beginning of April, the formal bidding process began with hopes for a friendly bidding climate. Sub-trade bids were opened on April 25, 2012 with more than 90 subcontractors pre-qualified in various trades such as electrical, plumbing, masonry and many others. Seven general contractors were pre-qualified with five eventually bidding to be awarded the job as the lowest eligible and qualified bidder. GC bid opening on May 10, 2012 resulted in the formal contract award to Brait Builders Corporation of Marshfield at nearly \$2.5 million under budget with total project costs now anticipated to be \$58,414,481. The total grant expected from the MSBA is \$24,803,526 representing 43.87% of eligible project costs. As a result, the anticipated net cost to Hingham taxpayers was reduced to \$33,610,955. The Committee enthusiastically shared the good news with the community and immediately turned its focus to logistics to begin contractor mobilization and held a groundbreaking ceremony in June.

Summer 2012 saw the installation of utilities and drainage infrastructure and the commencement of site work including initial site preparation and the provision of temporary parking. Foundation work progressed well through July and August leading to steel erection beginning in October. Several fall storms, including Hurricane Sandy, proved challenging to the construction schedule and Brait Builders responded by increasing their efforts in order to keep pace. As 2012 came to a close, steel erection was scheduled for completion by mid-February 2013 with a "topping off" ceremony being planned. Slab on grade installation as well as under slab electrical and plumbing work was advancing well with the

expectation of completion in the near term. Weekly construction progress meetings continue to allow the project management team to keep a close eye on the quality of the work, schedule and costs incurred, as well as to ensure the ongoing safety of school faculty and students and the minimization of distraction and interference with the business of learning.

The new Hingham Middle School will incorporate high-performance and quality design, cost-efficient construction, the inclusion of green, energy-efficient and sustainable features, and up-to-date technology and operating systems that will yield ease of use and maintenance. Most importantly, it will provide well for the educational needs of Hingham middle school students, maintaining Hingham's long-standing tradition of excellence for generations to come. The construction schedule continues to project substantial completion of the building in May 2014 and occupancy by students, teachers and staff for the 2014-2015 school year. Demolition of the existing middle school and completion of site work, including new athletic fields, parking and circulation improvements, are scheduled to be completed by late spring 2015.

The School Building Committee continues to be grateful for the cooperation and support of various town and state officials, as well as the collaborative efforts of all involved in the project. We remain ever-committed to complete this project on time and on or under budget and look forward to welcoming students to the new Hingham Middle School in September 2014.

Raymond C. Estes, Chairman
Timothy R. Collins, Vice-Chairman
Sandra Cleary, Secretary
Samantha Anderson
Peter Bradley
Robert Bucey
Stefan Vogelmann



HINGHAM SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee is charged with the investing of assets on behalf of current and future recipients of the Hingham Scholarship Fund. Scholarship Fund assets at the end of 2012 were \$3,442,226 compared to \$3,148,481 at the end of 2011. These figures include investment returns, deposits of \$11,945 and disbursements for scholarships and administrative fees of \$159,250. If net disbursements are included with investment returns, present and future beneficiaries enjoyed a return on investments of +14% in 2012.

2012 was a strong year for most of the major asset classes in the global capital markets. The BarCap Aggregate, a broad investment grade bond index returned +4.21%. The S&P 500, an index comprised of the 500 largest US public companies according to market capitalization, returned +16%. The Russell 2000 Index, an equity index that includes a broad array of medium sized US companies had a positive 16.35% return. The MSCI EAFE Index, which measures large company equity performance domiciled in Europe, Australasia and the Far East returned over 17.3%.

The asset mix, approximately 70% equities and 30% bonds and money market equivalents has been a consistent strategic target of the fund for the past three years. Given the perpetual nature of the fund's beneficiary interests and the low level of interest rates, the committee feels this mix to be most prudent. In 2012 the fund benefited most from holdings in US and International Equity Mutual funds. The fixed income holdings were positive but to a lesser degree.

The committee voted to provide \$160,000 in scholarship awards in 2012. This compares to \$155,000 in 2011 and \$144,000 in 2010. The Town of Hingham authorized this program in 1975. In the subsequent years over \$2 million has been awarded to Hingham High School graduates who successfully complete their first semester of higher learning.

The members of the committee volunteer their time and are listed below. We continue to rely heavily upon the skills and professional acumen of members of the Treasurer's Office, specifically Nancy Leahy, for trade implementation and accurate processing of donations and disbursements.

Appointees

Roger Nastou, Thomas Hagstrom, Kurt Weisenbeck, Matthew Welch, Jean Montgomery, Andrew Shafter, Clay Graham

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

Early in the year, the Shade Tree Committee (STC) participated in choosing a round of new shade trees town-wide, and worked with the Veteran's Agent to design the Memorial Day flowers planted at our Veteran's monuments. Otherwise, the Shade Tree Committee's progress this year has been slower than we hoped, but here's what we're planning.

The Glad Tidings Plain shade tree canopy restoration, for example, will hopefully proceed and additional shade tree plantings will be planned, particularly along Main Street. In addition, superfluous overgrown shrubs will be removed and replaced with lower maintenance plant materials in a number of locations. STC is also meeting now with the Harbor Development Committee on the Harbor's landscape design, which is gathering momentum.

Citizens are encouraged to contact the Shade Tree Committee at any time with their suggestions for shade tree plantings or landscape ideas for their neighborhoods.

Shirley Rydell, Chair
Jay Ippolito, Vice Chair
Carol Pyles, Secretary
Barbara Kardok, Member

SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE



The South Shore Recycling Cooperative (SSRC) is a voluntary association of fourteen South Shore towns. It was established by Intermunicipal Agreement and Special Legislation in 1998 to help member towns improve their recycling programs, and reduce the amount, toxicity and cost of disposal.

Members of the SSRC are: **Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Kingston, Middleborough, Norwell, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, and Whitman.** Representatives from each member town are appointed by Chief Elected Official(s) (*list attached*).

In 2012, the SSRC raised **\$73,742**: \$63,000 from municipal member dues, \$2,390 from sponsorships, and \$10,742 in grant funding. Those funds pay for the services of the Executive Director and for waste reduction and recycling activities that benefit member towns. With a budget of \$66,885 for FY13, the December balance is \$40,686 at the midpoint of the fiscal year.

In addition to technical assistance, these activities **saved and earned Member Towns at least \$138,000.**

Significantly, **disposed trash tonnage in our member towns, and its associated costs, dropped 6.9 %** from 2009 to 2011, the most recent year for which data is available.

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Regional Disposal contract – The SSRC is combining the purchasing power of its member towns with that of **ten towns on Cape Cod**. In 2009, the SSRC was invited to join a regional long term disposal contract negotiation, facilitated and **funded by the Cape Cod Commission (CCC)**. The CCC has retained the services of John Giorgio, Esq., of Kopelman and Paige to assist. The SSRC has actively represented our member towns in this endeavor.

Five companies responded to a regional Request for Quotes. Negotiations will conclude this month, after which time a final award will be made by each town for contracts to commence on or after January 1, 2015. With an aggregated 85,000 tons of solid waste /year, this procurement could save our towns **millions of dollars** over the anticipated life of the contract as compared with each town negotiating individually. The competition also benefits the Member towns that opted to negotiate on their own.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections - The SSRC bids a contract on behalf of its member Towns for Household Hazardous waste Collections. The current contract was awarded to PSC Environmental. Member Towns avoided a setup fee and paid significantly less than State Contract rates. The SSRC restructured the contract terms to include lower rates for small quantities, facilitated more economical multiple town events, and staffed all collections. The resulting **savings to our towns was about \$29,000**, which also saved staff time to bid, schedule and publicize collections. The Executive Director administers the billing.

1,731 residents attended **ten collections** held in 2012. The contract also enabled **142 residents and businesses** to attend other Member Towns' collections using the **reciprocal arrangement**.

Books - The SSRC introduced GotBooks, which pays \$60/ton for used books and other media, to its members. In 2012, thirteen SSRC towns repurposed **224 tons** of material, with combined rebates and avoided disposal cost of **\$28,000**.

Textiles - Identified as a significant component of residential waste, SSRC intensified outreach and worked with textile recyclers to get maximum tonnage and return. We negotiated an increase in rebate from two companies to \$100/ton for used clothing and textiles. In 2012, thirteen towns utilized this program, up from eight in 2011, more than doubling diversion to over 400 tons of material and saving and earning over **\$70,000**.

Mercury - Covanta SEMASS extended free mercury recycling benefits to all SSRC members, even those that don't send their waste to SEMASS. SEMASS offers reimbursement for costs incurred, and also directly pays for mercury bearing waste delivered to Complete Recycling Solutions in Fall River.

CRS direct billed SEMASS for **\$10,449** to recycle mercury bearing waste from SSRC towns in 2012.

Latex Paint collections – The SSRC was awarded a **grant by MassDEP** to collaborate with The Paint Exchange, LLC, a local company, to scale up their latex paint collection and recycling operation. TPE collected 809

gallons of leftover paint from residents and processed it into reColor, a premium interior latex paint priced well below the cost of retail virgin paint. It is estimated that diverting this material from the municipal waste stream saved our towns about **\$1,400**. More importantly, it helped to create a sustainable business to divert much more material for years to come.

Compost and Brush - The SSRC extended contracts for **compost screening** and **brush grinding** with Daniels Recycling, Letourneau Wood Products, Inc., and New England Recycling, Inc. Contract use was light in 2012.

Grant assistance: The SSRC assisted five of our towns in receiving \$310,642 in Sustainable Material Recovery grant awards for 2013 through MassDEP. SSRC and two member towns received \$5,650 in SMRP grants in 2012, from the 2011 awards.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

Website - ssrcoop.info provides town-specific recycling information, household hazardous product collection information, SSRC meeting minutes and annual reports, press releases, a newsletter, and links to other sites. It logged 2,854 visits in 2012, 2,407 which were first time visitors, up from 2011.

Tours - There's nothing like seeing firsthand how and where our waste materials are processed. In 2012, the SSRC hosted a tour for our solid waste managers and residents at **CRTRecycling** in Brockton, which processes electronic waste. The Executive Director did site visits and/or meetings at seven other facilities that manage discarded materials.

ADVICE, ASSISTANCE AND NETWORKING.

The Executive Director's help is frequently sought by the solid waste managers. She maintains regular contact with them, updates them on current trends, and advises on specific needs each town has.

Newsletter - The SSRC publishes monthly **Updates** filled with information of immediate interest to the South Shore solid waste community. The Updates are sent via email, and are posted online at **ssrcoop.info**, click on Newsletters.

Monthly Meetings - The SSRC provides **networking opportunities** and information sharing at our well-attended monthly meetings. Each meeting features a guest speaker. Solid waste collection, disposal, recycling service, outreach, pricing and proposed laws and regulations are discussed.

ADVOCACY

○ The Executive Director attends numerous **policy meetings** hosted by MassDEP, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Council of SEMASS Communities and Product Stewardship Institute. She acts as a liaison between the Board and the State organizations.

○ The SSRC has been a strong and consistent voice both on its own and with coalitions of organizations to move resource- saving measures forward both at the State House and in the recycling community. In 2012, the SSRC Executive Director met with legislators on several occasions to discuss legislation, both individually and as part of various coalitions. We were deeply involved with legislation to expand the **Bottle Bill**, and an **Electronic Waste Producer Responsibility bill**.

○ The SSRC co-hosted a **Legislative Breakfast** with the Plymouth County Highway Association in May.

The SSRC exists to assist its member towns in improving their solid waste disposal and recycling functions. It always welcomes suggestions on how it can better serve its Members.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Sullivan, Executive Director
South Shore Recycling Cooperative



Something for Everyone

VETERANS' SERVICES

The Department of Veterans' Services is responsible for administering benefits to qualifying veterans and their dependents under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 115. This year, the Department oversaw a 52% increase in administered benefits. This increase has enabled over three dozen eligible veterans and their dependents to live in dignity and with appropriate medical support.

The Department is also charged with the responsibility for arranging and managing the Town's military-related ceremonies throughout the year. The month of May proved to be especially busy for our office. Hingham Police Officer, John Marquardt, a Purple Heart recipient, was welcomed home from Operation Enduring Freedom with great fanfare. Seventeen sailors, who perished during an explosion onboard the USS YF-415 in 1944, were finally honored with a dedication ceremony; their memorial stone was unveiled at the former site of the U.S. Naval Ammunitions Depot (Bare Cove Park). The Fort Hill Street veterans' supportive-housing project was dedicated to honor deceased U.S. Navy Commander Paul F. Anderson. Our Department has worked closely with Father Bill's /Mainspring to settle five veterans into Anderson House and call the Town of Hingham their new home. Our Memorial Day observance, held at the Matthew Hawkes Square, featured speaker Colonel Frank Curtis, United States Army Reserve, a two-tour veteran of the Iraq War. On June 14, our Flag Day celebration was held in honor of Seaman Linzee Hooper, USCG, killed in the line of duty during World War II. After 67 years, this 19-year-old—who made the ultimate sacrifice—was honored with the proper marking of his gravesite. Annually on the third Friday of September a candlelight vigil is held at the POW/MIA Memorial on the Harbor. This year marked the 141st birthday of Hingham's only Medal of Honor recipient, Seaman Herbert Lewis Foss. On October 12, a wreath was laid at his gravesite in the Fort Hill Cemetery with full military honors. Colonel Janet L. Thompson, United States Army Nurse Corps, (Ret.), was the featured speaker for the Veterans' Day ceremony at Town Hall. During our Veteran's Day celebration, two of Hingham's veterans were awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary medal—58 years after it was earned during the presidency of John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

The Inter-Municipal Agreement signed with the Town of Scituate in January 2012 was not renewed in June. The scheduled review of the Agreement surfaced the need for a full-time Veterans' Services Officer in Scituate in light of the 125% growth in Scituate's client base effected through Hingham's support. Scituate's positive experience working with

Hingham resulted in a request from the Town of Cohasset to provide similar part-time Hingham support for Cohasset veterans. As of November 1, 2012, this office has afforded nine Cohasset veterans and their dependents the service and support which they have earned.

The Town's Veterans In Need Fund—funded through contributions accompanying annual excise and quarterly property tax payments—ended calendar 2012 with \$5,720 on hand. As intended, distributions from this Fund have been used to provide emergency shelter, heating, medical, and sustenance support to qualifying veterans in need as recommended by the Veterans' Services Officer and approved by the Town's appointed Veterans' Council.

The Veterans' Council also sponsored two warrant articles at Annual Town Meeting 2012. Property tax exemptions for mobilized reservists and motor-vehicle excise tax exemptions for former POW's were unanimously authorized by Town Meeting.

The Department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the Town Accountant, Town committee members and all the Town's citizens who have provided such strong support to our veterans and their dependents throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith A. Jermyn, Director
Hingham Veterans' Services



*William H. Newey Memorial, Hull Street
"In Honor of All Who Have Served Our Country"*

WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE

The Hingham Water Supply Committee was established by Town Meeting in 1946. Its members are appointed by the Town Moderator. Its original charter was to investigate the feasibility of acquiring the private water company then known as the Hingham Water Company, and to report to the Town on the costs and benefits of undertaking such a project. That charter was revised by Town Meeting in 2004 to assign the Committee to monitor and report on water-supply matters more generally, including administration of the Town's Water Supply Policy. The Committee endeavors to perform these tasks in cooperation with the Aquarion Water Co., the Town's current municipal water supplier.

One of the Committee's principal roles has been to serve as liaison between the private water company and Hingham town government. In the months leading up to last year's Town Meeting, in an effort to understand the swirling concerns about Aquarion's operation of its public utility franchise, and in the context of a proposal by the Selectmen to seek funding for a feasibility study of acquiring the assets of Aquarion's Hingham/Hull water district (which also includes a small number of customers located in Cohasset and Norwell), the Committee met with Aquarion representatives, the Hingham Selectmen and Town Administrator, the Hull Town Administrator, the Cohasset Water Commission, past members of the Water Supply Committee, and the public. At Town Meeting, the Town voted to approve a warrant article authorizing such a study, to be conducted by a separate Water Company Acquisition Study Committee, and appropriated \$320,000 for this purpose. (The last town-sponsored study was completed in 1985 -- three corporate owners ago and before construction of the water treatment facility.) The detailed work of the study is expected to continue into next year. The future of the Water Supply Committee and its relevant roles will depend largely upon the study's eventual findings and the direction the Town then chooses to pursue. In the meantime, the Committee will continue to assist the Town in matters pertaining to the town's Water Supply Policy, and to monitor Aquarion's ongoing operations within Hingham.

Last fall, Aquarion filed with the Department of Public Utilities to request an 8.2% rate decrease for its Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset customers. This action was said to be linked to Aquarion's refinancing of the long-term debt associated with the water treatment plant. Aquarion also sought to implement the reduction immediately rather than to wait for the rate case to conclude. The reduction, beginning November 2012,

is expected to result in annual savings of approximately \$66 for the average Hingham customer. During the past year Aquarion also reemphasized its commitment to customer service. This was reflected in top-level local personnel changes, acceleration of certain capital improvement projects, enhanced customer notifications and closer cooperation with Town administration.

The Water Supply Committee would like to recognize former members Thomas Burbank, Paul Cappers and (in particular) Roger Sullivan for their valuable service to the Committee.

James Connelly
Maureen Doran
Sam Mullin, Chair
Kirk Shilts, Secretary

TRI-TOWN WEIR RIVER ESTUARY PARK COMMITTEE

The Weir River Estuary is a State-designated Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) bounded by Cohasset, Hingham and Hull. Hingham's website has an ACEC map, WREP Land Protection Plan (LPP), WREP Paddle Guide, bicycle path map, minutes, annual report, and committee members. Meeting agendas are posted at Town Hall and on-line in the Events Calendar. The WREP Committee invites you to attend its meetings usually held the 4th Tuesday of the month from 7-9 pm at Hingham Town Hall or the Estuary Center at 333 George Washington Blvd.

The purpose of the committee is to preserve/protect open space along the Weir River Estuary, safeguard the natural habitats, promote stewardship, assist interpretation, and promote passive recreation along the waterways, trails and roads. The tri-town structure of this committee benefits the three participating towns by coordinating stewardship actions for this globally important resource that lies within the boundaries of all three communities and by representing a critical mass of citizens when dealing with local, regional, state, and federal projects.

In Hingham, continued diligence and support was directed toward completing the transfer of the 60 George Washington Boulevard deed to the Hingham Conservation Commission, completing a property transaction



Sidney's Pond at 127 Rockland St. in Hingham

between the Open Space Acquisition committee and the Noonan family to protect the ACEC headwaters and land surrounding historic Sidney's Pond and outlet (which flows to the Weir River Estuary), and following hearings of Town departments on water quality flows and impacts to the Weir River.

The Hingham Historical Commission voted to add the Noonan property's Sidney Ice Business site: the foundation, the pond, and the granite stone culverts under the small gauge Hingham-Hull railroad bed to the Historical Inventory.



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A cart path starting on Rockland Street provides access to the pond's outlet for water management of the pond and for passive recreation opportunities. The WREP bicycle/pedestrian path around the Estuary passes this entrance to the property. Community Preservation Act funds are being requested for 2013 Town Meeting approval to preserve this historic, conservation, and recreation resource for Town use.

An Eagle Scout candidate from Cohasset Troop 128 built and installed two wooden kiosks for the shores of Straits Pond; visit the kiosks adjacent to the tide gates at West Corner in Cohasset and at the Forest Ave. end of Straits Pond in Hull.



The WREP Committee advocated and achieved Cohasset Conservation Commission support to deny a stormwater permit from being issued to a landowner, based on protecting the successful Strait's Pond restoration project 2010 - to restore and maintain the delicate balance of salt versus fresh water to help eradicate the midges and mitigate the mats of algae that have been troublesome over past decades. In June 2012, a WREPC member organized a Straits Pond Watershed Association panel, comprised of Conservation Agents along with a local meteorologist, to discuss how we all impact the waters of the estuary even though we may live far from Straits Pond. WREPC continued work toward a Straits Pond Wildfowl Viewing Park, including a continuous walking route. Through the Hull Land Conservation Trust, WREPC helped the Hull Conservation Commission maintain the Weir River Woods trails.

WREP Committee members continue to sponsor the annual spring clean-up of the Weir River Estuary, coordinate tri-town input to develop a management plan to support the WREP Land Protection Plan, and lead free public walks, kayak/canoe outings, and bicycle trips in and around the Estuary. Have some fun, join estuary programs and stewardship!

Co-chairpersons: Richard Avery, Cohasset; Faith Burbank, Hingham; Judeth Van Hamm, Hull. Committee representatives: Amy May, Cohasset; Scott Plympton, Hull; Hingham Land Trust liaison, Joe Bierwirth.

Each Town seeks another Selectman's appointee with interest / talent in Estuary preservation, management, recreation, and interpretation.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT/FINANCE DIRECTOR

To the Citizens of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts:

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 for the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts is hereby submitted for your consideration in the new format prescribed under Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 34, 37, 38 and 54.

The report is the primary means of reporting the Town's financial activities. The objective of this new model is to provide a clearer picture of our government as a single, unified entity, while retaining certain traditional financial information previously provided. Management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in this report, based upon a comprehensive framework of internal control that is has established for this purpose.

This document presents the Town's financial information on three bases of accounting, each serving a different purpose. The last section of the book includes as "required supplementary information" budgetary basis schedules, which are prepared in accordance with the Town's budgetary process.

The fund perspective statements present the governmental operation on the same basis (modified accrual basis of accounting) as previous CAFR's with one exception. The account groups for long-term debt and fixed assets have been deleted. In addition, there is a perspective difference in that certain funds that are shown as fiduciary under this perspective are not portrayed under GASB 34, or are reclassified. This basis is designed to measure inter-period equity, the extent to which current resources (available within the next year) fully fund all current services provided by the government. Long-term liabilities are excluded with the implicit assumption that future tax revenues will fund them.

In addition to this "fund perspective," the new CAFR presents an "entity wide" perspective. This perspective combines all governmental and business activities in a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, presenting all functions on a full accrual basis of accounting. All fixed assets are added to the statements, as are long-term liabilities such as outstanding debt. The balance sheet has been reorganized into a "net assets format." This format classifies assets and liabilities as short

and long-term and then subtracts those liabilities from total assets to arrive at net assets similar to a private company.

The Town's statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances has been completely reorganized to a new statement of activities. The expenses of the Town, organized by activity, are netted against fees, fines, grant revenues and assessments generated to fund each activity in an attempt to derive the net cost to the taxpayer of each activity. The reader of the financial statements can now discern the net cost of a particular function of government funded by taxation and other general revenues by a review of this statement.

The report is designed to be used by the elected and appointed officials of the Town and others who are concerned with its management and progress such as bond analysts, banking institutions and credit raters as well as residents and taxpayers of Hingham.

This CAFR is presented in three sections: **Introductory, Financial and Statistical**. This **Introductory Section** contains this transmittal letter with economic conditions and outlook, major initiatives, financial information and other relevant information. The **Financial Section** contains a Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section. Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) require that management provide a narrative introduction, overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of an MD&A. This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A where the financial analysis is now presented. The Town's MD&A can be found immediately following the independent auditor's report from Powers & Sullivan. The Town of Hingham is responsible for the accuracy of the financial statements as well as their completeness and fairness. We believe the statements are accurate in all material aspects and that they fairly set forth the financial position of the Town. The **Statistical Section** contains, in most cases, a ten-year history of trends of both financial and demographic data.

Profile of the Town of Hingham

This CAFR includes all of the operational departments of the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority is not included in the reporting entity because they do not meet the criteria for inclusion. The Hingham Public Library, the Lincoln Apartments, LLC, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System are included in this report as component units, with the Hingham Public Library and the Lincoln Apartments, LLC being presented as a discrete units, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement

System being a blended unit, included within the statement of fiduciary net assets.

The Town of Hingham is a seacoast community located approximately 20 miles southeast of Boston. Primarily an established single family community, Hingham has several historic districts and more recent single family subdivisions that were constructed within the last 40 years.

The Town provides general government services including police and fire protection, disposal of rubbish, public education, streets, recreation and a municipal golf course (The South Shore Country Club). The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) provides certain sewer services to the Town. A municipal sewer system serves approximately 27% of the households of the Town. The Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, a self-supporting enterprise, provides electric power to the Town, while the Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, a private firm, provides water services to the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority maintains housing for elderly and handicapped residents. In addition, the Town has a Department of Elder Services to service senior citizens with various programs as well as outreach projects. Bus services are provided by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority and connect to established stations of the Authority.

Several recreational programs are provided among the parks located throughout the Town, in addition to significant beach and swimming facilities. Bare Cove Park contains 468 acres and was a former federal ammunition depot. It is mostly in its original pristine condition with many trees and forests and is adjacent to the scenic Back River. It provides walking and bicycle trails, nature studies, picnic facilities and other items of interest.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts maintains Wompatuck State Park in the Towns of Hingham and Cohasset containing 3,509 acres, of which 2,047 acres are in Hingham. In addition to the facilities provided by Bare Cove Park, it offers hiking trails in the summer which become cross country skiing trails in the winter, and extensive camping facilities are provided.

The principal services provided by the County are court facilities, a jail and house of correction and registry of deeds and probate.

The three-member elected Board of Selectmen is the administrative authority; however, the Town has a diverse government with many elected and autonomous boards and committees. A Town Administrator

is appointed by the Selectmen and is responsible for day to day administration.

Factors Affecting Economic and Financial Condition

Unemployment rates in Massachusetts, which had been rising slightly for several years prior to a short decline in 2007, continue to follow state and national trends that have risen during the past few years. The Town traditionally has a more stable employment profile than the state or the nation, and has maintained this consistency over the past few years.

The Town's population modestly increased in the nineties, after having declined through most of the late eighties, and over the past decade has once again begun modest increases. There is a parallel impact in school enrollment, which declined through the late eighties and then increased 11% during the nineties. Over the past ten years the town's population has increased a modest 1% while school enrollment has increased 15%.

Long-term Financial Planning

The Finance Director's role includes working closely with the Board of Selectmen, the Advisory Committee and Department Managers to develop short-term and long-term financial goals and to address the financial stability of the Town.

Major Initiatives

Since the mid 1990's the Town has consistently made capital expenditures a high priority. Due to current economic conditions and budget restraints the amount of capital spending has been reduced from normal levels of \$2-\$3 million annually. The Town expects to be able to appropriate capital spending in the \$1-\$2 million range for FY 2013.

Financial Information

Financial Management. The Advisory Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee have adopted a Financial Policy. It is a comprehensive statement covering financial management, capital expenditures and debt service. The purpose of the Policy is to stabilize tax rates and control expenditures. It is expected to give guidance to the preparation, review and approval of budgets.

The Policy recommends that Available Reserves (Unrestricted Fund Balance) be maintained at a level of no less than 14% and no more than

18% of total annual appropriations. Each year that Available Reserves increase, any excess of the above level should be available for spending or tax reductions.

Internal Controls. Management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure the assets of the Town are protected from loss, theft or misuse and to ensure that adequate accounting data is compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Town Administrator and the fiscal team are responsible for evaluating the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control structure and implementing improvements. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the Town of Hingham's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free of material misstatement.

The Town voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 27, 2010 to establish an Audit Committee. The Committee shall assist in the selection and monitoring of an independent auditing firm to conduct annual audits of the financial statements of the Town. The Committee will supervise and review the conduct of the audit and its relationship with the Town.

Budgetary Controls. The Town Administrator is responsible for the preparation of the executive budget and initiates the process with the development of a five-year financial forecast and budget guidelines for the coming fiscal year. The various boards prepare the budgets for departments under their jurisdiction. The Town Administrator reviews all budgets and recommendations are submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The 15 member Advisory Committee reviews the budgets approved by the Board of Selectmen attempts to resolve any differences and then prepares the annual budget recommendations to the Town Meeting, which is the body that has final approval authority. Once approved, the budgets are controlled at the department level with the Town Accountant approving all payrolls and invoices. The Advisory Committee, based on a recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, may approve subsequent transfers from a reserve fund.

The Treasurer/Collector is responsible for all of the Town's cash and investments, debt management and payment of invoices. The Assessors set the tax rate and commit the Real Estate taxes, Personal Property taxes and Motor Vehicle Excise taxes to the Treasurer/Collector for collection. About 97% of all Real Estate taxes are collected during the

fiscal year of billing with the remaining 3% collected the following year. This efficiency greatly aids the Treasurer/Collector in not only reducing or avoiding temporary loans but also maximizing investment potential.

The Treasurer/Collector, in common with other towns as a result of permissive legislation, changed from a semi-annual billing system to a quarterly billing system in Fiscal Year 1992. This change has not only eliminated the need for temporary borrowings, which were costing the Town \$150,000 per year, but also provided temporary excess cash beyond immediate needs which is available for short-term investment.

In addition to approval authority over all disbursements, the Town Accountant is responsible for providing accurate and timely estimates of the Town's current and future financial position to the Town Administrator.

The Town Accountant and Selectmen hold quarterly meetings with the Town's financial officers to establish goals and objectives and to review monthly reports of comparison of budgeted revenues and expenditures with actual.

Risk Management

The Town of Hingham is a member of the Mayflower Municipal Health Group, a cooperative having members in excess of 10,000 subscribers. The Town receives annual premium costs per subscriber. Annual premiums are reviewed and changed annually. The Town is also self-insured for worker's compensation and unemployment benefits. For insured programs, there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. (Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.)

The Town is self-insured for property coverage over a group of vacant buildings given to them by the Federal Government. The Town maintains liability coverage on these respective buildings. Additional information on the Town of Hingham's risk management activity can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

Other Information

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Hingham for its comprehensive

annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. This was the fifteenth consecutive year that the government has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded the Certificate of Achievement, a governmental unit (state, county, district, or town) must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Report whose contents conform to program standards established by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). Such reports must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and applicable legal requirements. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement program's requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

Independent Audit. The financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 were audited by the public accounting firm of Powers & Sullivan. The financial statements have received an "unqualified opinion" from the auditors. An "unqualified opinion" is the best opinion which a governmental unit can receive. It indicates that the financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that they are fairly presented in all material aspects.

Additionally, the Town is required to have a single audit, under the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, of all Federal programs, as prescribed in the Federal Office of Mgt. & Budget's Circular A133.

Acknowledgments

A special gratitude is owed to Michael Nelligan and James Powers, partners at Powers & Sullivan, whose attention to the fiscal year 2012 financial statements was invaluable.

We want to express our appreciation to the accounting personnel, Steve Becker, Nancy Skillings, Kate Richardsson, Lynn Phillips, Nancy Hutt, and Kaitlyn James for their invaluable assistance with the preparation of this CAFR; and to Betty Tower of the Selectmen's Office for her work on the cover design. We wish to acknowledge their efforts, and the efforts of all the Town departments that assisted in the production of the final report.

Ted C. Alexiades, CPFO, Town Administrator/Finance Director
Susan M. Nickerson, Town Accountant

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board is very pleased with the performance of Rick Nowlan and staff (Kathie Collins, Sandra Alger and Tania Layden) coming off a very tough 2011. The shift from the State CAMA system to the Vision Appraisal System plus a complete revaluation of the 8500 real estate parcels created an ongoing learning and relearning process for the staff. As a result we received 400 requests for abatements.

The staff, through diligent work, overcame many of the problems, and we received a certified tax rate in time for the January bill. Their efforts also produced 72% fewer abatements.

2012 saw a 30% increase in sales plus 964 building permits. We maintained an excellent assessment/sales ratio of 92%. One condominium complex had a resurgent increase in value and triggered a fairly sharp increase. We have met with the members of that complex and are reviewing their values. Although such increases are rare, it is required for all communities to provide sales ratio analysis to the Bureau of Local Assessments as part of the tax rate approval process. It is our primary concern that there is equality and fairness.

Again our sincere thanks to Rick and his staff for a successful 2012.

Stuart G. Hall, Chairman
Mark Tyburski
Michael Shaughnessy

HINGHAM RETIREMENT BOARD

There are 105 contributory retirement systems within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These systems have accepted the provisions of Sections 1-28 (contributory sections), Chapter 32, Massachusetts General Laws. As a result of this acceptance, all systems, although operating independently, are bound together under one uniform retirement law.

The Annual Report for Fiscal 2012 contains the financial statements as well as membership statistics report, a list of new members, a list of

members that retired and retired members that have passed away in 2012.

Ted Alexiades, Chairman & Appointed Member
Susan M. Nickerson, Ex-Officio Member
Eileen A. McCracken, Elected Member
Jean M. Montgomery, Elected Member
Henry F.G. Wey, III, Appointed Member

Contributory Retirement System
Trial Balance as of December 31, 2012
(Pre-Close)

ASSETS

Cash – Citizens Bank	479,784.67
Checking – Citizens Bank	0.00
Pooled Domestic Equity Fund (PRIT)	20,830,613.96
Pooled International Equity (PRIT)	11,533,137.23
Pooled Domestic Fixed Income (PRIT)	34,000,256.97
Pooled Alternative Investments (PRIT)	123,739.71
Pooled Real Estate Funds (PRIT)	4,595,608.77
Pooled Emerging Markets (PRIT)	3,694,974.36
Pooled Hedge Funds (PRIT)	4,059,361.85
Cash Fund (PRIT)	24.01
General Allocation Account (PRIT)	2,162,769.32
Accounts Receivable	107,982.86
Sub Total	81,588,253.71

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	-18,511.70
Sub Total	-18,511.70

FUND BALANCES

Annuity Fund	-21,661,106.46
Annuity Reserve Fund	-5,991,257.31
Military Service Fund	-14,496.84
Pension Fund	374,949.91
Pension Reserve Fund	-54,277,831.31
Sub Total	-81,569,742.01

REVENUES

Investment Income	-2,323,174.49
Interest Not Refunded	-1,910.78
Realized Gain	-1,967,735.43
Realized Loss	193,222.89

Unrealized Gain	-9,431,901.02
Unrealized Loss	4,923,979.96
Contributions Received for Military Service	0.00
Member Deductions	-2,230,759.51
Transfers from Other Systems	-478,109.53
Member's Make-Up's & Re-Deposits	-77,764.51
Pension Fund Appropriation	-3,913,402.00
Federal Grant Reimbursement	-52,322.00
3(8)(c) Reimbursements from Other Systems	-132,142.34
Received from Commonwealth COLA	-80,673.87
Member Payments from Rollovers	-27,335.46
Sub Total	-15,600,027.81

DISBURSEMENTS

Staff Salaries	76,426.55
Management Fees	171,945.33
Consultant Fees	47,650.36
Legal Expenses	27,485.00
Fiduciary Insurance	5,083.00
Service Contracts	1,142.50
Professional Services	18,868.19
Education and Training	1,762.69
Administrative Expenses	6,202.53
Furniture and Equipment	0.00
Travel	591.94
Annuities Paid	1,008,582.65
Pensions Paid	5,426,953.85
COLA's Paid	98,612.60
3(8)(c) Reimbursements to Other Systems	121,202.73
Transfers to Other Systems	367,888.58
Refunds to Members	55,440.98
Option B Refunds	0.00
Sub Total	7,435,839.48

NEW MEMBERS 2012

Jennifer Alfieri	Michael Barba
Mark Bologna	Jennifer Booras
Frances Bowler	Michael Brenton
Trevor Burnaby	Maureen Carlson
Caitlin Corey	Sharon Corey
Coleen Cotton	Nathalie Coughlin
Nicole Crockan	Laurie Croke

Michael Crowe
Karen Cushing
Emily Day
Jeannine Devey
Patricia Douglas
Elizabeth Fetsko
Stacy Foley
Stacey Gainey
Elizabeth Gibbons
Victoria Harkins
Timothy Holmes
Christine Lotano
Patricia Lowery
Cindi MacDonald
Megan Mahoney-Palmer
Cynthia McCaig
Kathleen McDonald-Costa
Janice McKim
Elizabeth Moore
James O'Keefe
Abby Piersall
Laura Regan
Sandra Russell
Karyn Sampson
Harrison Schmidt
Maureen Shirkus
Diane Thomas
Katherine Trinkle
Debra Vitagliano
Lauren Wentworth
Dale Willis
Andrea Young

RETIRED MEMBERS 2012

Sheila Atwater
Joanne Delmonico
Ann Gamache
Marjorie Higgins
Marion Rubbo
Ellen Kulp
Weston Ford
Wendell Clifford Prentiss
Roland Simonelli

Kristin Currier
Jarrod Dansky
Elissa Dennis
Kerri Donovan
Lynn Farmer
Susan Flibotte
Kimberly Forgue
Mary Kate Garrity
Laniesha Gray
Simon Harwood
Daniel Lally
Terrance Low
Matthew Lucas
John Madden
Nancy Mannion
Kelli McCarthy
Matthew McKenna
Erin McNamara
Danielle Neill
Caitlin Petrizzi
Lisa Potts
Christopher Riley
Amy Sack
Mary Savage-Dunham
Lynda Segal
Michael Simpson
Sarah Tolman
Thomas Violette
Kristin Walsh-Pederson
Mary-Ellen White
Katrina Wojtasinski

Sherry Della Volpe
Jacqueline Fiorentino
Karen Hall
Virginia Roche
Mary Schirmer
Ronald Lincoln
Michael McDonald
Karen Sadlon

DECEASED RETIREES 2012

Elizabeth Melcher Anderson
 John Perry Cash
 Francis Bicknell Krause, Jr.
 Antonio Rizzotto
 Peter A. Wilson

Raymond C. Campbell
 Thomas F. Kehoe, III
 Stanley C. Magner
 Robert W. Schmidt
 Ellen Parsons

MEMBERSHIP STATISTIC REPORT 2012

Active Membership Dec 31, previous year	535
Inactive Membership Dec 31, previous year	121
Enrolled during current year	81
Transfers between groups	0
Reinstatements of disabled members	0
SUBTOTAL	81
Deduct	
Death	0
Withdrawal	22
Retirements	17
SUBTOTAL	39
Active Membership Dec. 31, current year	573
Inactive Membership Dec. 31, current year	125
 Retired Beneficiary, and Survivor	
Membership, Dec. 31, previous year	280
Retirements during the year:	
Superannuation	17
Ordinary disability	0
Accidental disability	0
Termination Retirement Allowance	0
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	2
Survivor benefits from active membership	0
SUBTOTAL	19
Deduct	
Deaths of retired member's	9
Termination of Survivors Benefits	1
Reinstatement of disabled pensions	0
SUBTOTAL	10
Retired Membership Dec. 31, current year	
Superannuation	236
Ordinary disability	3

Accidental disability	10
Termination	0
Beneficiaries from accidental deaths	10
Beneficiaries from Section 100	0
Beneficiaries from Section 101	3
Beneficiaries under Option (C)	16
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	11
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	0
Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor	
Membership, Dec. 31, current year	289
 <u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u>	
Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary	
and Survivor, Dec. 31, current year	987

TREASURER COLLECTOR

Balance in the Treasury July 1, 2011	38,306,429
-Total Receipts for Fiscal Year 2012	162,230,775
-Total Paid on Selectmen's warrants.....	(132,957,723)
Balance in the Treasury June 30, 2012.....	67,579,481

Investment Return285,815

During Fiscal Year 2012 the Collector's Office processed the following warrants for collection:

2012 Real Estate Tax	63,539,808
2012 Community Preservation Surcharge	810,206
2012 Personal Property Tax	1,157,607
2012 Boat Excise Tax	83,500
2012 Motor Vehicle Tax	3,027,363
2011 Motor Vehicle Tax	301,615
2010 Motor Vehicle Tax	18
Betterments-Paid in Advance	69,228
Sewer Betterments & Committed Interest	214,895
Title 5 Betterments & Committed Interest	2,801
Sewer Use Liens.....	177,848
Payments in Lieu of Taxes.....	<u>569,112</u>
Total	69,954,002

Tax collections have remained strong with ninety-nine percent of real estate and personal property revenue collected by fiscal year end. 8,097 real estate tax, 339 personal property, 22,730 motor vehicle and 1,483 boat excise tax bills were issued. In fiscal year 2012 seventy-six percent of the town's operating revenue was tax collection generated.

There were 9 new tax liens secured in fiscal year 2012 bringing the total parcels in tax title to 65. Over the course of the year, 13 liens were redeemed and \$221,968 in tax lien revenue was collected.

The total outstanding long term debt as of June 30th was \$60,266,280. Details related to the Town's outstanding debt obligation can be found in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFRA) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

\$20,330,000 in short term debt was issued in June of 2012 primarily for the purpose of funding the construction of the new middle school. The

town received eight competitive bids as the Town's excellent credit ratings continued to draw strong interest from investors. The bid was awarded to TD Securities LLC on the basis of their net interest cost bid of .1995%. The notes will mature on June 28, 2013.

Jean M. Montgomery
Treasurer Collector

TRUST FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER
As of June 30, 2012

Trust Fund	Balance 6/30/11	Balance 6/30/12
375th Anniversary	11,569	11,582
Aid to Elderly/Disabled	7,165	8,245
Affordable Housing Trust.....	134,293	273,522
Buttonwood Tree	2,653	2,656
Dr. Margaret Long Memorial	61,355	61,424
Education	13,739	14,265
Federal Withholding	9,586	7,309
Foundry Pond	6,927	6,934
Fourth of July.....	37,788	57,122
Hannah Lincoln Whiting.	15,630	15,647
Hingham War Memorial	9,795	9,806
Light Depreciation	5,903,503	7,063,618
Light Reserve Stranded Costs	2,012,125	2,321,940
Light - Customer Deposit.....	1,198,781	1,521,104
MWRA I&I Grant/Loan Program	66,231	66,413
Medical Insurance	1,255,921	761,841
More-Brewer	83,903	84,096
OPEB Trust (Light)	1,482,009	1,507,448
OPEB Trust (Town).....	1,483,233	2,523,496
Open Space Conservation	44,425	89,777
Preservation Projects	64,849	77,447
Preservation Projects - Greenbush	1,361,463	1,385,891
Scholarship	3,443,004	3,365,489
Stabilization	487,433	1,486,375
Stabilization – Meals Tax	0	162,474
USLST – War Memorial - Shipyard	1,346	1,348
Veterans Council Beneficial Gift Account	4,025	2,202
Veterans in Need.....	711	4,137
Total	19,203,462	22,893,606

